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"Our original exhibit space was sold out by mid-July, necessitating the addition of some 25,000 square feet of land exhibit area, plus the new floating dock for water exhibits," he said. Kenney, president of Seaford Marine of Brooklyn, Port Washington and Seaford, is vice president of the Marine Trades Association, Inc., sponsoring organization, whose primary objective is directed toward the advancement of the pleasure boating industry in the Greater New York area.

The show is being produced by the Association, in cooperation with the Freeport Chamber of Commerce whose merchants will participate in a Boating Wear Fashion Show at the Marina on Sunday, October 2, at 2:00 PM. Other special events planned are a Guy Lombardo Day on Sunday, October 9. A "then and now" theme of the day will be carried out with antique and classic racing boats from the 20's to the 50's exhibited side-by-side with a number of contemporary offshore high performance boats, among them, the Extractor, K & K Ghost, Velocity and Mirage.

Also scheduled for the two weekend event will be demonstrations geared specifically to the interests of boaters. On-site demonstrations of proper CPR techniques in emergency situations will be offered through the American Heart Association's CPR program. Freeport Boy Scout Explorer Posts #1, sponsored by the Freeport Village Fire Department, and Post #406, under the sponsorship of the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department, will demonstrate the proper use of fire extinguishing equipment and scubadive entry from a boat deck. Film presentations of boating safety are planned by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 13, and proper sailing techniques will be demonstrated by members of the Pine Island Yacht Club.

Activities scheduled in conjunction with Guy Lombardo Day include antique stencilling techiques, as well as the sewing of duffel bags and boating accessories on an antique factory treadle machine which will be demonstrated from the Showmobile being provided by the Town of Hempstead.

Two Long Island radio stations will be producing live remont broadcasts from the Marina during the show, WGBB on Saturday, October 1, from 2 to 6 PM, and WGSM on Saturday, October 8, from 10AM to 2PM.

There will be drawings for nautical prizes at regular intervals during the show, with a grand prize of a 13' Boston Whaler to be given away free by Boating America, one of the exhibitors. The drawing will be held on Monday, October 10, at 5PM, just before the close of the Boat Show.

Parking is free at the Guy Lombardo Marina during the show. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for children under 12. Further information is available from the Boat Show Office at the Marina (516) 378-6451.

BOATING SKILLS COURSE IN CEDARHURST

USCGA flotilla 13-4 offers two basic boating courses at Lawrence Senior High School, Reilly Road, Cedarhurst, NY. The first course entitled Seamanship Boating Skills commences October 5, 1983, 8-10 PM. Text and materials $15.00: Navigation Kit $10.00. The second course entitled Boating Skills for Young Boatmen will commence October 26, 1983, 8-10 PM.

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Registration and first session will be on Tuesday, October 4th, (late registration will be permitted on Tuesday, October 11th). Men and women over the age of 17 are welcome to register and attend, no prerequisites are required. Persons already into boating and those with interests to start in boating are cordially invited to enroll in this course.

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For further information about this course, contact: Ben Murtha, Course Coodinator, (212) 591-5768, or Walter Koslow, Assistant Coordinator, (212) 925-1804.

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Flotilla 13-11 will be giving its fall Boating Safety and Seamanship Class at Jonas Salk Junior High School in Levittown. The course is free of charge. There will be a nominal fee for materials.

The course will cover Boating Safety Seamanship, Marlinspike, Piloting, Rules of the Road, Weather and Basic Boat man manintenance.

The course will run for 10 weeks, starting October 4th. The hours will be from 7:30-9:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

Also being given at the same time, the New New York State Young Boatman's Course. It will be given free of charge.

For further information, contact Mr. Robert Hildenbrand at 735-2604.

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Lady Reelers Fishing Club meets the first Thursday of each month, next meeting October 6th, 7:30 PM, Brau-Haus Restaurant, Route 112, Medford, NY. New members are welcome.

FALL SURFCASTING PROGRAM AT BREEZY

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Entitled If Fish Could Talk, the modules are structured in a way that makes the research findings of environmental scientists accessible and more easily understood. The modules include two 30 minute filmstrip/cassette programs, student readings, study guides, discussion questions, testing materials, an ecological game entitled "To Harvest a Bluefish," classroom activities, instructions for the teacher, and reference materials. Module components may be used singly or in combination, allowing the teacher to adapt the materials to his or her own needs.

Although the module was developed for use with secondary school pupils, field trials suggest the materials are suitable for junior college or introductory collegiate audiences, as well as concerned citizen groups, environmental organizations, fishing clubs and the public at large.

A primary school module, entitled The Great Garbage Chase is also available. For further information regarding these materials please contact Mr. John Tiedemann at the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium, Sandy Hook Field Station, Building 22, Fort Hancock, New Jersey 07732. (Phone: 201-872-1300).

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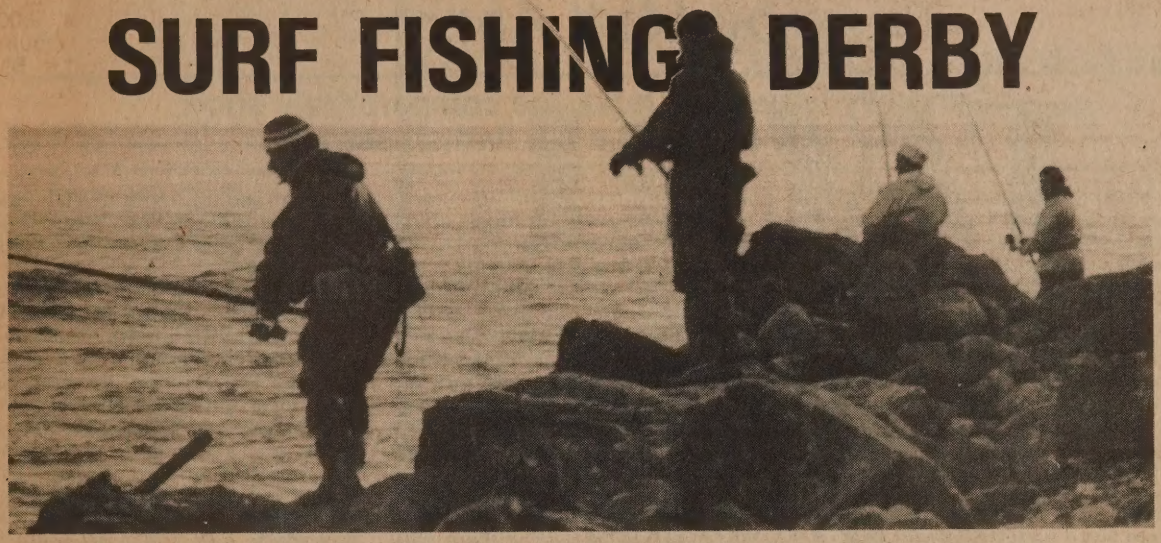

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FALL FOR THOSE AUTUMN FLATTIES

by Matt Ahern

Generally larger fish mark the comparatively short, but very productive fall flatfish season.

Everything considered, it's a toss up as to whether I enjoy flounder fishing more in fall than in spring. Certainly, both seasons have individual appeal and certainly we fishermen catch more flounder in spring than during the fall, but I'm not fooled by this whim of nature. I know those extra fish in the bucket are there only becaude our spring flounder season is of long duration.

It's too bad this is so, for were you to ask me which season produces the fattest, scrappiest flounder, I'd definitely vote for fall fishing. And it matters not if you fish from a boat or from shore, for once the season is under way fall flounder fishing can be excellent. True, you won't find as many productive days as during springtime (you might), but the fish make up for it by being larger and feistier on the average, that is.

Although early fall arrivals begin to show by September's end, fishing doesn't pick up until mid-October, give or take a week for each date. The peculiar thing about fall fishing is that the season begins earlier at the western end of Long Island than it does out east. No doubt water temperature has much to do with this.

One of the best places for jump-the-gun anglers fishing Long Island's western regions is Reynold's Channel, particularly throughout the Island Park, Long Beach area. I've always found the flats north of buoy nine to be most productive in early October. Should the action slow, say from mid-October on, try the deep water creeks in the adjacent area. Schaeffer's Creek on the north side and east of the bridge comes to mind as one of the more productive areas. There have been times when these creeks produce before the fishing hits its stride.

Much fun in fall flounder fishing is had when the tackle used enables the fish to pour on the steam as it darts and runs, twists and turns in frantic efforts to regain the sanctuary of the bottom. With this sporting goal in mind, it is always best to use light tackle. A light to medium six foot spinning rod, with a matching reel filled with six to eight pound test monofilament is ideal. On such light tackle, even a one pound flounder is guaranteed to promote much anxiety. Not to be outdone, of course, is a light conventional bay rod and a reel filled with ten pound mono. But for my money, when flounder fishing nothing beats a light spinning outfit.

As most flounder fishing is done in quiet bay areas where currents are nil, it is possible to use no more than a two ounce bank sinker. If you are aware that the area you intend to fish has strong currents, it is perhaps best to dispense with spinning tackle and employ conventional gear; with it you can use heavier sinkers with no ill effects. Remember, though, that except for isolated instances, flounder fishing is best in quiet areas.

Because fall flounder are frisky, they seldom toy with a bait. They nip at it and go. Strike the instant a bite is felt, don't hesitate. It is to your advantage, therefore, to have control over your tackle at all times. In other words, don't be admiring the casting form of that pretty girl in the next boat, pay attention to those flounder!

When the water contains some of summer's lingering warmth, fall flounder are extremely agile, which in turn makes hooking a problem for some fishermen. But not to worry, it isn't difficult to set the hook if you refrain from attempting to yank the fish's head from its body. This only aids the fish in stealing your bait. A smart snap of the wrist is all that's needed.

Proper rigging will aid in doing this.

As for hooks, the time-honored flounder hook has long been the Chestertown in sizes nine or ten. (There's not much difference in these hooks except that size nine is slightly heavier.) Every flounder fisherman is familiar with the Chestertown, but this doesn't mean it is the best. As I've said many times before, I haven't used a Chestertown for bay flounder in 50 years, perhaps more. I use the #6 regular-shanked Sproat. I've written about these hooks so much lately, that I won't go into detail just now, but take the word of Old Matt: use those #6 Sproats, they are supreme flounder catchers.

Keep in mind that flounder are bottom feeding fish and your hooks must be there to get results. Two hooks are used and these should be tandem tied.

To tandem tie, bend the snell of one hook at its middle and pass this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. Pass this second hook through the fold of the first hook snell, pull tightly and secure with an overhand knot. It is a simple task and takes but seconds to accomplish, but practice a few times before attempting to do so while fishing.

Many fishermen use flounder spreaders, but if you are wise you will shun them like the plague. These abominations foul constantly on the slightest obstruction, and gather weeds and assorted debris in copious amount. In short, it is quite possible to spend more time removing foreign matter from your hooks than in the removal of fish. And another thing, flounder are a cleanly fish, they will refuse to go near bait festooned with weeds, etc. A word to the wise is certainly sufficient. Better to tandem tie your hooks and catch fish.

Rigs should be placed about two inches above the sinker. Use a two inch dropper loop for this, or form a simple loop by using a double-overhand knot. In place of loops, some fishermen use a 1/0 three-way swivel. These are best placed on the line with an Improved Clinch Knot.

Another method which I sometimes use is to place a 2/0 or 4/0 sinker snap at the end of the line and place rig and sinker together. You will find, though, that this works best in early spring when, due to the cooler water temperatures, flounder are more sluggish in their approach to bait. I've included this method because it should be in every sinker bouncer's bag of trick, but I believe the ability to detect the more rapid bite of the fall flounder is easier if the rig is tied directly to the line.

While bait for fall flounder fishing can be the same as for spring fishing, a slight distinction should be noted. When fall flounder first arrive, blood and sandworm will produce most fish. But as the bay waters lose their warmth, say by mid-November, you will find the fish more interested

in clam.

Of the three kinds of common clam available for bait; skimmer, soft clam (steamers), and hard clam (chowders), I believe the soft clam has the edge, with fresh skimmer an excellent second choice. This is especially true in December when shore fishing from such areas as Shinnecock Canal.

When baiting up, use good size pieces. Don't skimp. Do not believe it when others tell you that because flounder have small mouths, small baits are mandatory. This is a common misconception and if you indulge in it you will drastically cut down your rightful take of larger fish, although you will certainly increase your catch of throwbacks.

I've found bait for flounder produces best when it is about one and a half inches in length, worm or clam, it doesn't matter. The best tip I can give you right now is to tell you to allow the hook point and barb to be exposed about a third of an inch from the end of each bait. It is this enticing end, wiggling in the current, that proves irresistable to flounder. Do this and watch your catch increase.

When using clam, make sure each slice is narrow. Thick slices of skimmer should be sliced in half, lengthways. If clam of any type is too thick, flounder will have difficulty getting it down. Actually, the width of any clam slices used for bait should be a little less in diameter than the average bloodworm. Again, let me repeat, don't use small baits if you want good size flounder in your bucket.

Bank mussels are primarily a springtime bait, but they can be used for fall flounder, too. Again, a precaution. (I seem to dote on precautions, I know, but if you want fish in that bucket I can only tell you what methods work for me. Hopefully, they will work for you.) The precaution is this: Be sure your mussels are fresh from the shell. Steamed mussels leave much to be desired. I know fresh mussel bait is difficult to keep on the hook, especially when casting. But if you are boat fishing, or fishing from shore where deep water is close by (Shinnecock Canal comes to mind), you need only to drop your rig off the side, or make a short cast. And don't forget the mussel's value as chum.

Which brings me to this. To chum, or not to chum? If this were springtime, I would definitely say yes. But you'll find fall flounder free swimming, therefore chumming is not as important. Between you, me, and that lamppost, there's no harm in trying, though. However, here's another word of caution. Should the water contain any summer warmth whatsoever your chum is sure to attract infant sea robins, blowfish, sea bass, porgies, etc. Especially is this so when fishing deep water creeks. The choice is yours. These infants are cute as all get out, but they quickly drive you to distraction. They'll go through your bait like a mowing machine through a field of wheat.

On cloudy days, it is best to fish water slightly deeper than the surrounding area. Don't ask me why this is so, for I don't know. Under such conditions, an up to date chart of the area is most useful. Sometimes an added depth of five feet makes the difference between a memorable catch and one that is mediocre.

For shore fishermen, sometimes a stroll of 25 feet will put them into fish. When it does, those fishermen should mark such spots well, for they will also produce in springtime.

One last thing. Several paragraphs back I mentioned various knots used by experienced fishermen when tying terminal tackle. If you'd like more explicit information on how these knots are tied, get in touch with me. DuPont has sent me a supply of the revised 36 page edition of their extremely popular knot tying booklet. It's free and I have one for you. Those knots mentioned in this article are included, besides dozens more, plus two methods of snelling hooks. All are described in easy to follow directions, with excellent drawings, etc.

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Now, as I always say, go out there and get those fish!

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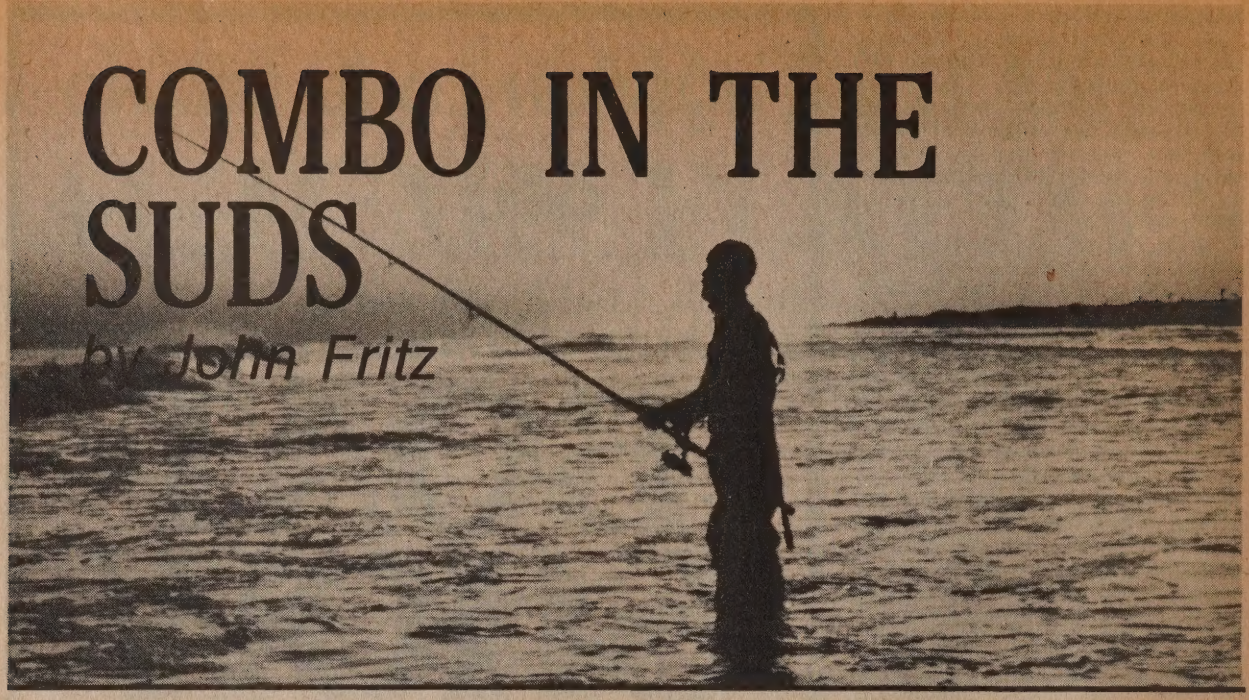
COMBO IN THE SUDS

by John Fritz



Tin and tube combos have proven to be deadly medicine on gamefish in the south shore surf.

Last fall's run of fish along Long Island's south shore was one that will provide surfcasters with many tales in the years to come. Disregarding the fact that the majority of the fish taken were bluefish, their impressive size and the incidental catches of hefty striped bass and weakfish made this run of fish one that our ocean beaches has not seen in several years. Even though countless fish were taken on bait, last fall's action not only provided surfmen with the opportunity to take quality fish during the daylight hours but it also furnished beach fishermen the chance to catch these same fish on artificials, something which hasn't occurred since the mid 70's. While it is true that there is little fact that in many instances artificials out produced bait is reason in itself to celebrate. The key to success was those shiny metal lures universally referred to as tins. While a wide variety of these lures did produce, the tins that achieved the best results were dressed with a short length of rubber tubing covering the hook.

South shore surf fishermen were fortunate, at this time, to find the current run of predators attracted to a type of lure which is easy to cast and requires little expertise to work effectively. Because the sloughs and pockets which concentrated the fish were often located a considerable distance off the beach and since the fishing was improved by the effects of a brisk southerly wind these aerodynamically shaped lures were ideal for obtaining the best possible distance with the cast. Even though the addition of a tube will interfere with the true flight of a tin, the range to which these lures can be cast is much greater than would be possible if plugs were the necessary lure.

The weight of the lures preferred at this time ranged from two to four ounces, depending on wind and sea conditions, of more importance was the shape of the tin for it was frequently necessary to drag the lure along the bottom to achieve the best results. The prevalent baitfish were sandeels, some a good eight inches long and as thick as your finger, a species which habitually burrows into the sand to escape danger. As they wiggle their bodies into the bottom they betray their presence by creating small puffs of sand; a movement which an angler can readily imitate by bouncing a tin along the bottom. Rather than reeling at a slow steady pace, a method which ordinarily produced a strike but for a different reason, the retrieve should be punctuated by intermittent twitches of the rod tip followed by a pause which will allow the lure to settle to the bottom. This practice is of more importance when an unaltered tin is used for the addition of a tube will provide the necessary enticement, coaxing a predator into making a strike. The undulating motion created when there is a slight curve to the tube will ensure better results than if a straight tube were being used.

Finished tubes are available in almost any fishing tackle store but many anglers prefer to fashion their own by purchasing coils of tubing and loose hooks at the better stocked shops. It is wise to carry spares when fishing for teen sized bluefish for one can expect to have his tackle tested severely resulting in many items lost or rendered useless by their razor sharp teeth. The curve is given to the tube by bending the shank of a long shanked hook, a practice which should be given some thought before attempting for the first time. The surest way to ensure success is to obtain a tube that has been used successfully and purchase a supply of similar hooks and tubing. Strip the tube off the finished lure and copy the bend of the hook when making your own. It is a simple matter to section a coil of tubing into the proper lengths, notch out a forked tail and force it into place on the hook thereby ensuring a supply of reserve lures in as many different colors as necessary.

The most popular colors are red, green and white but on occasion amber, yellow or black colored tubes have proven effective. Because this fishing took place during the daylight hours, water clarity and not the degree of darkness of the night determined the appropriate color. Many anglers achieved better results using green or white tubes when the water was clear, changing to various shades of red when the water became roiled from a persistent southerly wind.

In conversations with other surfmen it seems that the diameter of the tube had a bearing on the success of a particular lure. Tubes larger than those favored on the north shore where the sandeel population tends to be smaller were preferred, but it should be noted that there is a limit to how thick the tube should be. The outside diameter of the tubes

most commonly used ranged from ¼ of an inch to 5/16, but I found that a majority of anglers favored the more narrow tubes.

Many of the current tins on the market are fitted with either a split ring or a swivel by which the hook is attached to the stationary ring of the tin. A split ring will provide for speedy replacement of the hook while the addition of a swivel will unquestionably reduce the amount of leverage a fish can gain when it twists the lure in it's mouth. Just make sure that when replacing any hardware that only the best quality items are used.

With most fish taken at or very near the bottom it is desirable to use lures that will sink rapidly. Since almost all of this fishing took place along clean sandy bottoms there was little danger of fouling debris on the bottom. On days featuring little wind and calm seas, flattened tins, such as the Hopkins 4H which tend to ride higher in the water, accounted for many fish. On the other hand when a stiff southeast wind built up a surf which collided violently with the protective sandbars, the narrow shaped tins such as Diamond Feather Lure's J-8, J-666 or E-8 were more fitted to ensure a rapid descent to the bottom and remain at that depth when retrieved.

It is apparent that this style of fishing requires sturdy equipment. Eleven foot medium action rods fitted with a reel similar to the Penn 706Z were in evidence in many areas of this shore, especially when Mother Nature was not in one of her more sedate moods. The repeated casting and retrieving of 3 ounce tins plus the abrasive effect of dragging a lure through the sand necessitated the use of a strong, good quality of line. Even when using twenty pound test Ande line it was necessary to check periodically for fraying and wear otherwise that favorite tin might be sent on an exceptional ride but with no means of getting it back. Fish of this size provide ample resistence under ideal fishing conditions but add a surging current flushing through a raging sluiceway or possibly a powerful lateral sweep created by a persistent crosswind and one can visualize the extreme pressures which must be brought to bear to control a sizable fish.

When a stubborn fish is dogging it along the lip of an outer bar there is little the angler can do besides apply constant pressure until it tires, at which time it can be brought over the bar with the aid of a wave. A fish being swept down the beach is a different matter, requiring the angler to follow or chance losing the fish. This situation occurs most often when there is a strong lateral sweep and the fish is dogging it along the lip created where the surf breaks on the beach. It seems that any effort to follow the fish down the beach only allows the fish to move further away, a time when a great deal of patience and a lot of pressure must be exerted to hold the fish in place so that it can be dragged directly out of the water.

Given the size of the fish encountered during this run it would seem that when a strike did occur there would be little doubt on the part of the angler as to what was taking place. Unfortunately this was not always the case and many fish were lost before novice surfmen realized that a slight bump was a monster bluefish toying with the lure. It soon became apparent to perceptive anglers that a strike should be made immediately when any suspicious sensation is felt during the retrieve.

The scene of this fabulous activity was spread along the south shore from Ditch Plains in Montauk to Jones Inlet and probably beyond. Many areas were accessible only to fishermen who had use of a beach buggy, but there were numerous excellent locations within walking distance of legitimate parking areas. The beaches at West End, Robert Moses 2 and 4 and Smith Point were but a few of the more productive areas which were within reach of those who must leave their vehicles on the hard top. While most of my acquaintances were content to concentrate their efforts in these locations the grapevine told of several other areas which produced equally as well; the town beaches at Montauk and Shinnecock east to name but a few.

Aside from the specific locations pointed out above there was little evidence to indicate the presence of gamefish. True there were occasional breaks to give away their presence but the canopy of screeching birds hovering over a maelstrom of breaking fish was rarely seen. In many instances the angler would have to work likely looking areas blind while keeping an eye peeled for stunned bait in the wash or sandeels stranded on the beach in their desparate attempts to flee the terror pursuing them.

Tides were of little impact on this fishing as long as there was sufficient depth in the troughs and sluiceways inside the parallel bars. At times surfmen were able to wade to the bars and take fish from it's outer edge. Of more importance was the presence of a brisk southerly wind which created the turbulence needed to shake the bait loose and provide the agitated conditions favored by powerful predator fish.

All too often when one learns of a good run of fish it is too late to do little expect lament the misfortune of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. If the masses of sandeels move into the south shore surf next fall as they did this past year, surfcasters the length of the Island can be assured of reapeated encounters with quality gamefish. It can happen at any time as the middle of October draws near so make sure your gear is ready, you won't be disappointed.

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BOOK END BLACKS

by Lou Mauriello

Both ends of Long Island play host to some fine tautog action during those magic days of autumn.

Over the past couple of decades, we have witnessed a decline in the numbers of several of the species of fish in our area. This was largely blamed on overfishing by the huge factory ships of the foreign fishing fleets. Quite a bit of credence is given to that because, now that the 200 mile limit has been in force for the past several years, we have seen a steady increase in the number of cod being caught by sport fishermen.

One fish unaffected by foreign fleets and most other conventional commercial fishing boats is the blackfish. Because of the type of bottom the blackfish lives in, it is virtually impossible to fish for them commercially. There isn't a captain of a commercial trawler alive who would risk losing thousands of dollars worth of gear to catch this tasty fish. Some blackfish, and very large ones I might add, are taken by lobstermen in the pots when these fish invade them for what appears to be a free meal. Otherwise, most of the blackfish are caught by rod and reel fishermen. The reason for this is that as blackfish evolved, they took to living in places that are impossible to drag a net over without destroying it or losing it. These fish, for whatever reason, chose to live on the numerous rock piles, wrecks and mussel beds found along our coast and they are rarely found on open sandy bottom in numbers.

The blackfish does not migrate north and south, as a lot of fish do, but rather, they move inshore and offshore as the seasons change and the water temperature changes. As the inshore water warms in the spring, the blackfish, which have been wintering in deep offshore areas, move into shoal water to spawn. They remain in these areas as long as the water temperature is to their liking. When the water temperature begins to get too high for them, they move back to the deeper, cooler offshore area. In the fall, the fish again move into the more rapidly cooling inshore waters. As the winter sets in and the water temperature in the shallows drops too low, the blackfish once again moves offshore to the deep areas where the water temperature is now warmer than the shoal areas. Come spring, the cycle will begin once again. This may seem a bit monotonous to you but to the blackfish, it is a matter of survival.

Some big blacks fall to New York Bight boatmen.

Sometimes, you will hear both the experienced and novice fisherman arguing over whether the spring or autumn is the better time to catch the wily tautog. (Notice I said, "try to catch.") Both sides of a discussion of that nature have some validity. I can remember plenty of fine, and some not so fine spring days spent off the Jersey coast aboard the Pilot II, with the master, Harry Phillips at the helm. Harry would sail, without the assistance of loran, and put us on the most productive piece of bottom he knew. And what blackfishing we would have! I can recall one day as if it were yesterday. It was May 13, 1962. The reason I remember it so well is because the next morning I was sworn in at the old Whitehall Street recruitment center and left for boot camp. On that particular day, I had taken my younger brother Joe along. I can recall we were fishing inshore at Elberon, off the red steeple and the weather was perfect with the temperature in the high 60's, a sunny sky and a slight northwest

breeze. The beautiful weather and great fishing that day was doubly nice as it gave me something to remember for the next few months while I was away learning all about close order drill and associated subjects.

On the whole though, I always preferred to do my blackfishing in the fall. For whatever the reason, I still associated the falling leaves with the time of year to get on a party boat in search of old buck tooth. The brisk, clean northwesterlies of fall always had some kind of special attraction for me.

I have fished for blackfish from Sheepshead Bay to Montauk, Huntington to Greenport and if I were asked to pinpoint my favorite spot, I would be hard pressed to do so. There are actually four areas that stand out in mind. These are: 1) 17 Fathoms Bank, off the Jersey coast and reached by party boats from Sheepshead Bay and North Jersey ports; 2) Plum Island, off the North Fork of Long Island, reached by charter and party boats out of Greenport and Orient; 3) Southwest Ledge, off Block Island, reached by boats out of Montauk; 4) Cartwright Grounds, south of Montauk and fished by the boats from that location. All of these locations are known for their consistency of the quality of blackfishing. If I were forced to choose one of them though, I would have to go with either the Southeast Ledge off Block Island or the Cartwright Grounds. At both of these locations, I have noticed that the average size of the blackfish is larger than other areas. I would much rather catch these fish than from other areas because I equate the fishing for these large fish to trying to hunt down a wily, old, twelve point, whitetail deer. Both of these animals are hard to find and once found, hard to bag. Remember, a blackfish of over ten pounds doesn't get that way from being stupid. You must sharpen your skills to consistently outwit those large bulldog blackfish.

A most important part of being able to consistently score well on blackfish is keeping your rig simple. I will only use an overhand loop to attach my sinker and a dropper loop to attach my hooks to. If you dispense with all the gizmos you bought, you will find you are not hanging up as much in the rough bottom and when you do hang up, you can bounce your rig out quicker. That, by the way, is the easiest way to save your rig if hung up. As soon as you feel your rig hang up in the bottom, don't pull. Instead, pay out line until it is slack and then with your hand, not your rod, keep giving short yanks on the line. Normally, this procedure will free your rig. However, if it is wedged in tightly, be ready to tie on another set of hooks. It is because of this fact, that we fish on very sticky bottom for blacks, that I learned to tie my own hooks and started buying them by the box. The hook size I use will vary depending on the area I am fishing in. Off the Jersey coast I like to use #5 Virginia's, except for 17 Fathoms where you will find #4's attached to my line, as the fish tend to run larger than in the other areas. When fishing in the area around Plum Island I stick with the #4's also. Off Montauk, however, I will use a #3 Virginia hook, as the fish do get quite large. All of these different sizes are snelled on 40 pound test leader material of which each strand has been cut into three pieces of equal length.

As you can probably tell by the size of the hooks I use, I prefer to use green crabs as bait for blackfish. I have tried fiddler crabs but only used them in the shallower areas where the fish tend to run smaller. For me, it is also more difficult to hook a blackfish when using fiddler crabs as you get only one quick hit and the bait is gone. At least with the green crab, you will get a series of tugs that once learned, you will never forget. Another plus when using green crabs is that those pesky bergalls have a tough time with them.

When using green crabs for bait, I may put them on my hook a bit differently from the most accepted method. Most folks like to remove the shell and claws and then cut the crab in half, placing a half on each hook of the standard two hook rig. That's okay, most of the time. What happens when the fish aren't right, though? What then? Easy. Experiment a bit with the bait. Try leaving the legs on or the shell and legs etc. Plenty of days saw these various ways of baiting make a really good day out of one where the fish seemed to have lockjaw. When fishing out of Montauk, I'll normally try to grab an active crab, orange color preferred, about the size of a silver dollar, remove the big claws and place him on the #3 Virginia. Once that whole crab is on the bottom, you may have to wait a few minutes for some action but when you do get a hit, you are almost guaranteed a big fish. These bigger fish seem to like those whole offerings.

Once the blackfish hits you, it is necessary to hit him hard, both to drive the hook through his tough mouth and to get him away from the cave filled bottom that is his home. If he does make it into the bottom, don't try to force him out by pulling on your monofilament. The best thing to do is to give the fish some slack. Sometimes, the fish may think he is free of danger and come out of his hiding place so be alert. In this situation, if it appears your slack line is starting to swim off, reel like mad. Chances are you saved your rig and caught the fish. To try to avoid this problem, I lean toward tackle some may consider a bit heavy for blackfishing. My rod is a custom built lamiglas blank which measures about eight feet long and has plenty of backbone. My reel is an old Penn Jigmaster loaded with 30 pound test Ande monofilament. This rig, which I also use for squidding bluefish offshore, can set the hook and turn the nose of the biggest blackfish you are likely to encounter. I also like this rig because it will whip any codfish that wants to make lunch out of your bait. Some folks think my rod is too long but it is a definite asset when underhand casting from the deck of an open boat. It's length also aids you in setting the hook in the fish. When you take into account the stretch you have in your line plus the toughness of the jaw of the blackfish, you will find a longer rod with it's added leverage will help you raise your average. And please hold that rod right! The best way I've found, and this is from some of the masters, is with one hand under the reel and the other right next to the butt cap. Make sure the rod tip is low to the water and there is no slack in your line. This way, when you get a hit, you use the rod as a lever and sock those hooks to him.

Now that you have your blackfish in your bag, you want to know the best way to clean this armor plated critter. This is really the easiest part. I like to use a very sharp boning knife with a five inch black and skin them. Even if you want fillets, you will find it easier to skin them first. When you are going to fillet, don't remove the fins as you normally do in the skinning process. You will find that the fins act as a guide for the blade of your knife making filleting an easy chore. Do be careful while cleaning blackfish as they are very hardy and have a nasty habit of jumping around on your fish cleaning board long after they should be the victim of rigor mortis. This, in turn, can cause some very nasty wounds in your hands from their quite formidable fins or from a knife that may slip. Toss a few band-aids in your fishing kit or better yet, let the mate clean your fish. That way, you save your hands, he gets a tip and everyone is happy. Not to mention the fact that the mates usually do a better job than most folks.

As for the taste of the blackfish, let's not forget that the major part of his diet consists of crabs, mussels, lobster and other shellfish we humans pay a good buck for. These fish are good eating when they are cooked in any manner but please remember not to overcook it, unless of course you are fond of dining on wet cardboard.

I hope you managed to pluck a tip or two from this short piece on what I consider the greatest bottom fish around. Remember the old saying, "If you can catch blackfish consistently, the other kinds are a cinch." (Something like that anyhow.) You will have to put in your time on the water to refine the essential skills but once you have mastered these cagey, leathery skinned battlers, you too may find that spring and fall are great times at the opposite ends of the Island.

TROLLING BIG PLUGS FOR COW BASS

by Al Ristori

The current boils astern of the boat as the angler works throttle and wheel to maintain his position on the rip. The tip of the rod in his hand throbs steadily but not too frantically, just as if the bait at the end of the wire line was alive. Suddenly there's a solid tap. Then, a split second later, what the fisherman has braved a cold, windy night for—the solid arm-wrenching smash of a big striped bass. The fish may be caught or lost, but the strike has made all the effort worthwhile!

The bait at the end of the wire line that invited that strike was a large swimming plug, a lure little changed, only perfected, from the earlier days of angling. While modern lure makers have learned to more accurately shape and balance their plugs, there's remarkably little difference between those produced decades ago and our current favorites. Indeed, the Creek Chub Pikie Minnow is one big plug which has survived intact over many years. Find one stored away decades ago and it will probably do the job as well as anything today.

Author unhooks 50 pounder taken on a trolled plug at Montauk.

Trophy stripers have big appetites and they tend to be a lot less fussy about what they attack in the fall than at other times of the year. In many cases other lures will work as well or even better than plugs. For instance, of the many large stripers that I've cleaned over the years during the fall run at Montauk, I've yet to find one with anything as big as the large plugs I favor in its stomach. These bass appear to be opportunistic feeders, loading up on baby fish of all types which are migrating out to sea. There are snapper blues, sea robins, porgies, blowfish, and weakfish. All just a few inches long.

Why then do big bass respond so well to large plugs? Probably just because they are opportunistic feeders. They're no more likely to let a big bait get by than they are small ones. It's likely that the larger fish are more cautious and evasive, so the bass are satisfied to leisurely feed on the unsuspecting babies. However, if a bigger bait appears and just "begs" to be eaten, it's unlikely that the linesider will not cooperate.

Obviously, if this theory is correct, there are many means of catching trophy stripers. When I first started fishing Montauk at night in the 1960's, rigged eels were the thing to use, though a trip with Al Kaich proved that the old eelskin was just as effective. Then I started using tubes made by old Manhatten pro Vince Scotti, before going to smaller plugs, and then the largest sizes. Throughout this period I continued to use lead-head jigs and feathers with good success. In other words, there are many lures that will work. On any given night one may be better than another, but I feel the most important factors are to present the lure in the spot the fish is feeding in and to adjust the lure and presentation to account for the strength of the current.

Every lure fishes differently, and the angler must get a feel of each in order to work it correctly. I particularly like the plugs because they "talk" to me. Through the rod tip I can feel the lure working and virtually "see" what the lure is doing 10 to 30 feet below the surface. That feel tells me whether I'm running fast enough or too fast (there's no need to check rpm's) and alerts me if something is

wrong with the plug, such as a fouled hook, bent lip, or the tiniest piece of weed hanging on.

Beyond that, there is the esthetic aspect. Large stripers just hit plugs differently than other lures when they're trolled in a current. In the surf a plug may be taken quite lightly, but the trolled plug is almost always smashed. The bass seem to be trying to kill it as much as eat it because the hooks are rarely deep inside the mouth. Normally, the fish is lip-hooked or actually foul-hooked around the head.

That latter fact brings up the big problem with plugs, the loss of fish. Many strikes are missed altogether, and all too many hooked bass come off during the fight. Somehow or other they manage to gain leverage on the plug to such an extent that the heavy treble hooks supplied on them are twisted into a variety of shapes. One way to get around that particular problem is to use only one hook and drill through the lure body so the plug will float up the line when a fish is hooked. The Luhr Jensen J-Plug (a salmon standard) is made in this fashion and has become very popular with some of the pros, though the biggest size is only five inches. The salmon rigging and hooks supplied should be changed to a swivel and larger treble for use on stripers.

Because stripers on plugs are normally poorly hooked, I like to drop out of gear when I hook up and drift back to the fish. In order to do that it's necessary to be very alert in reeling line to keep it taut. During a strong tide the boat may go back so fast that a novice couldn't keep up with the fish, which might end up ahead of the boat and with plenty of slack. Naturally, it's not possible to do this at all on rough nights when you're trolling a big, breaking rip. Then you'll just have to idle ahead and drag the fish back to you, suffering the inevitable losses along the way.

A funny thing about big plugs, I only find them effective at Montauk during the night. I've caught fish with them at dusk and at first light, but not with the sun up. On the other hand, I have used trolled plugs effectively during the day off Jones Beach and in New York Bight. Indeed, I first used them almost 20 years ago while fishing with the great lure maker Stan Gibbs in Cape Cod Bay, during the day. A little experimentation will tell the story in your area, but I can assure you that they'll do the job at night anywhere in the fall. Drifted live eels are much more effective on the sedentary bass of summer.

There are quite a few plugs that work well, and I can speak only of those which have payed off for me. These include the Dannys, Goo-Goo Eyes, Stan Gibbs, Creek Chub, and Luhr Jensen J-Plug. The latter is a plastic plug without a lip which works pretty consistently from one unit to the other. Unfortunately, the same can't be said for the wooden plugs. One lure by a manufacturer may perform perfectly and its mate may simply refuse to swim correctly. Adjustments may be made to the swimming plate of such plugs and you can generally get everything working right.

Some favorite striper plugs (top to bottom): Luhr Jensen J-Plug; well used Goo-Goo Eyes; Stan Gibbs; new and used Danny; and Creek Chub Pikie Minnow. At top of photo are lead-head jigs with Uncle Josh pork rind, a good alternative especially in a very strong tide.

Color is another controversial area. Some anglers swear by certain colors at various stages of the moon, but I'm not convinced it's important. Once I start catching fish on a certain plug I stay with it until it fails me or I lose it. Then I reach into the box for the next one and it goes through the same trial by fire. I still feel that it's the action that counts, rather than the color.

The proper action of a plug is something that you just have to feel. It should be working all the time, but not pumping like a bunker spoon. Ideally you should barely feel the action (except during a very heavy tide) but can create heavy pumps by sweeping the rod ahead. If the plug isn't working you may be going too slow and actually dropping back in the tide, or there may be a bit of weed on the lure.

If should go without saying that plug hooks must be sharpened every trip. Especially with the fish just smashing at them, it's vital that the hook penetrate immediately. Remember that these are heavy trebles and hard enough to sink under the best circumstances. I've gone to an even larger and heavier Mustad treble to cut out the straightened hooks. Be particularly careful with the head treble as that's the one normally hit by a bass. The belly treble is also important, but the tail single or treble rarely catches anything but weaks or blues, though I've saved a few big bass with a tail hook snagged into the outside of the head after the others pulled out.

As I've noted, there's something of a mystique about trolling big plugs. In the back of my mind I really think that the lead-head jig (tipped with Uncle Josh pork rind) is closer in size and shape to what the fall bass are actually eating, and fewer stripers are lost on those jigs. I often switch to them during the strongest portion of the tide, and have caught my share of fish with them. Nevertheless, I'm usually forcing myself to make a few passes so I can get back to plugs. I like to feel that "life" on the line and those smashing strikes that are transmitted by a short wire line right to the shoulder. There are better ways of putting stripers in the boat, but when it comes to real thrills I'll put out my favorite plug and take my chances!

LONG ISLAND SOUND
FALL OUTLOOK

by Ted Keatley

It is amazing how fast the 1983 fishing season has gone by. It seemed as though most months had only 20 days. I can hardly believe that it is time to write about cold weather fishing again.

Of course, October and even November can be wonderful on the water if the weatherman cooperates and keeps the wind machine turned down low. I will continue to fish until Thanksgiving and normally have my best blackfishing trips on the deep water reefs from mid-October until November 15.

The fall flounder and blackfish runs should be well under way by the time that this issue reaches readers although I am sure that I still will be spending most of my time doing battle with big bluefish in the harbors.

This was a rather strange bluefish year. The late May to June early run never did materialize. I can't recall any other year in recent memory when we did not have two to six weeks of excellent bluefishing as summer approached. A period of slow action for about a month beginning around the middle of July is common. Many claim that the blues move offshore to spawn at this time although I never have heard any biologist comment on the theory.

Western Long Island Sound bluefishing began to pick up during the first week of August. Prior to that, action west of Bridgeport was confined largely to a few large schools of harbor blues which moved about the area. The most consistent action was at Smithtown Bay, but the small choppers also showed off Captains Island at Greenwich and along the beaches near Bayville on the Long Island side.

By late July, bunkers were fairly plentiful in Stamford Harbor as well as Mamaroneck, Greenwich and Norwalk, but there were few blues to bother them. For some reason, the bunkers largely avoided the Westcott Cove area from Shippan Point eastward to Collenders (Long Neck Point) at Darien. I keep my boat at Halloween Yacht Club in back of Cummings Beach and usually, I am able to get all of the bunker that I want in the vicinity of my dock from mid-August until early October. However, this season, I found them on the east side of Shippan for only one weekend through the middle of September.

Of course, one of the problems was the lack of big blues during much of the summer. The bunker remained in the outer reaches of Stamford Harbor until Labor Day weekend before enough blues arrived to make them retreat up to Pat's Marina at the head of the West Channel.

Even then, the action was a wild two day blitz around Stamford Breakwater. On Saturday morning, the main channel opening was a churning mass of about 75 boats ranging from dinghies to party boats. Since I dislike living dangerously, among the kamikaze weekend sportsmen, I stayed off to one side. Probably caught a few less fish, but I felt safer.

When the armada gathered at the breakwater on Sunday morning, there were about 50 fishermen for every fish. The blues had folded their tents during the night and silently stolen away.

About this time, I was doing much of my fishing on a deep water reef outside the Stamford Cows since there was little action inside the harbor. However, I was able to do well with big fish only with live bunker.

It was an interesting situation. The drifting party boats were getting a pick of two to three pound blues, the chunk fishermen were taking an occasional fish, but my boat, the only one using live bait, was having fast action with blues running from 10 to 14 pounds.

I have fished this reef off and on since Burt Carpenter got bearings on it about six years ago. However, I usually could find good action with less aggraviation between the Cows and Stamford Breakwater or inside the harbor.

The reef is difficult to fish on a fast current, particularly a big moon tide. As you approach from the west, the depth rises abruptly from over 90 feet to 45 and there is fast water and turbulence at the peak of the tide. I normally fish the area on the slower parts of the tide and slack water.

Since the fish are near the bottom, weight is necessary to get the bunker down to the combat zone. To accomplish this, I use a 4 to 6 ounce drail between the line and the hook snell. Originally, I tried sliding sinkers, but soon found that the bunker would come to the surface while the sinker remained at the bottom of a big loop of line 30 feet below.

I try to keep the bunker three to five feet off the bottom. This not only brings more hits, but also prevents hangups on the rocky bottom.

When I liveline in shallow water inshore, I normally allow the blue to run 40 to 50 feet before setting the hook. In deep water, the fish usually sit down and eat the bunker on the spot. Thus, you get a bouncing rod tip instead of a run as a rule.

This method also has worked well for me at Sound Reef between the Cow Buoy and 32A, among the racing buoys off Captains Island and at the K racing buoy between Mamaroneck and Hempstead Harbor. Other good possibilities for this technique are 32A and buoys 24C and 11B between Eatons Neck and Norwalk.

Off Captains Island and at the K buoy, you are fishing clean bottom and I often drift rather than anchor if the wind and tide are not too strong.

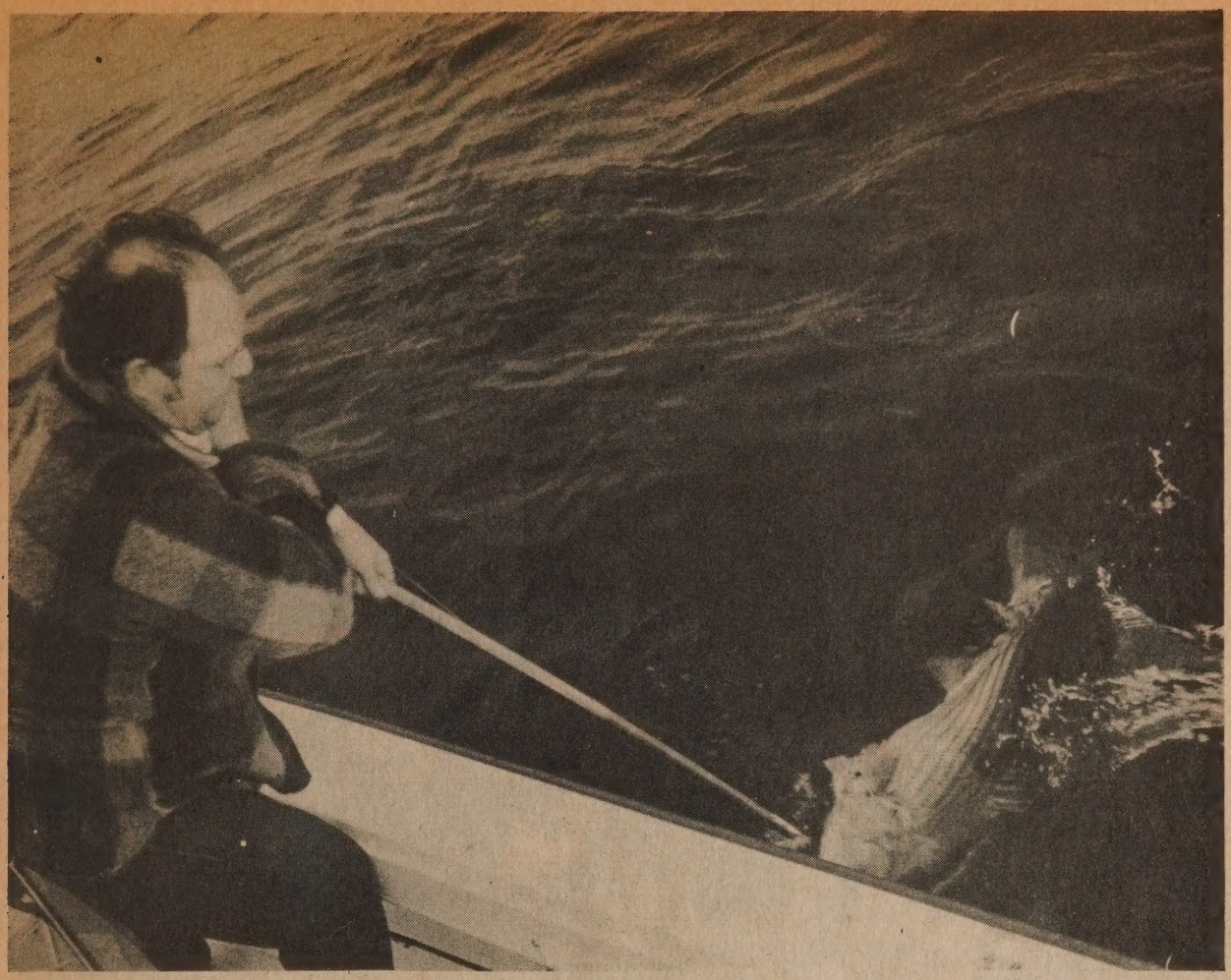
The greatest problem with this technique is that if there are a lot of small blues in the area, you can lose a lot of bait since they are hard to hook when fishing live bunker in deep water. However, the little choppers sometimes do not bother the bunker. I previously mentioned several occasions when party boats fishing the same reef had a steady pick of harbor blues while my boat was taking big fish.

The large blues often hold in deep water for several weeks in the early fall as they move out from shore on the first leg of their southward migration. These offshore areas sometimes provide action into November.

Since the peak of fall blackfishing is upon us, I guess I had better cover that subject before I run out of space.

Although the shallower inshore reefs are productive until early November, most of my blackfishing is done in areas which I previously mentioned for deep water bluefishing. My favorite locations are Sound Reef and 24C and 11B. Fishing usually tapers off at Sound Reef as we move into November, but 24C and 11B can be good through Thanksgiving although the size of the fish tends to drop off as the end of the month approaches.

My approach to blackfishing is a little unorthodox since I normally



October should see a fair number of stripers, including some cows, taken by Long Island Sound boatmen.

begin fishing during the last half of October, concentrate on areas with a depth of 25 to 50 feet and use a 6/0 Sproat hook and half a green crab instead of a No. 6 Virginia and a fiddler. The big hooks and large baits miss a lot of small fish, but I don't want them anyway.

I am a great believer in sharp hooks and a Sproat comes out of the box needle sharp. Of course, it must be checked frequently when used for blackfishing. The point will dull or bend rather easily if hung in rocks. However, the hooks are easy to resharpen and cheap enough to throw away if the point is in really bad shape.

A small sinker may be adequate in shallow water, but a lot of lead is needed in the areas where I blackfish. At the peak of a moon tide on the reefs at 24C and 11B, a 16 ounce sinker will roll around. However, 4 to 8 ounces are adequate under most conditions. I rig to facilitate quick sinker changes and use just enough lead to keep firmly on bottom.

The bait and sinker should stay put and the line taut. Move the rod tip up and down if necessary to keep the rocking of the boat from causing the sinker to bounce. A sensitive finger against the line does wonders in feeling the slightest action down below. Big blacks often will pick up the bait and begin munching on it without any easily perceptible tugging on the line.

When blackfishing, it is essential to set the hook hard and never allow any slack line. Begin the retrieve holding the rod above your head if that is what is necessary to take up the slack. A blackfish has a tough rubbery mouth intended to crush mussels, barnacles and other shellfish without discomfort. The hook often barely penetrates and a little slack is all that is needed to give your opponent an opportunity to spit the hook.

Since I am not interested in catching small blackfish or bergalls, I consider green crabs to be the only acceptable bait for fall fishing.

To use a green crab properly, cut it in half cleanly. Then insert the hook point through the claw socket and bring it out at a leg joint. Don't worry about hiding the hook. It doesn't bother the fish and if the point is exposed, your chances of putting the fish in the boat are improved. Some people remove the legs and claws, but as far as I am concerned, this is a lot of work for no useful purpose. As for those who talk about removing the back shell and cutting the body into quarters, I suspect that they fish for small blacks and bergalls!

Space is running out and I still have not covered flounder and striped bass. Thus, a few fast comments in closing.

Flounder fishing was productive last spring although the fish were late in arriving. I would expect good action from the time that this issue reaches readers into November.

Striped bass fishing was much better than I had anticipated this season. There were good numbers of five to ten pound fish and a surprising number from the high teens up into the 40's. Most of the smaller fish were the result of some fairly successful spawning years in the Hudson River. Chesapeake Bay reports on spawning success have been discouraging since the fantastic year classes of the early 1970's.

The Hudson River fish will begin schooling up about mid-October for their return to winter quarters in the area just north of the Tappan Zee Bridge. With a Connecticut daily limit of four fish under 24 inches and a flat 24 inch minimum now the law in New York, the meat fisherman who caught barely legal bass by the barrel in past years during the migration will be severely restricted.

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SHIPWRECKED BLUES

by Gerald Hahn

It's that time of the year again when monster blues can be found patrolling the skeletons of offshore wrecks.

Last autumn, several party boat skippers in the West End decided to try for quality instead of quantity, bluefishing. One reason was the unusually warm weather. The first nine days of October resembled August, hot, humid and airless, and consequently, the fall run was delayed. Another reason was that the skippers had discovered excellent concentrations of king size bluefish, the kind fishermen catch at Montauk's Cartwright grounds, at some deep water shipwrecks in the New York Bight.

On one early October trip aboard Captain Arnold Hubert's Speedy VI, the fishing was performed exclusively at anchor in the vicinity of two wrecks. Actually, "Speedy," as the mates and passengers call him, was one of the first to explore this kind of fishing. For the past few Septembers, when the blues are somewhat erratic, he made brief dropoffs at one wreck or another, and spiced the day with a few blues over 15 pounds. Last fall, however, Speedy and several other skippers out of Captree, Freeport and Sheepshead Bay, specialized in this kind of fishing throughout the day for several weeks. They fished at such well-known wrecks as the Yankee and the Coastwise (both sunk before World War II) and the Oregon. There are numerous other wrecks in this vicinity, but most are to the west or in shallower water. For example, the Three Sisters Wreck, a local name for a boat that broke into three pieces near the Cholera Bank, had been heavily fished for small and medium size blues through the summer. Other wrecks, such as the Rota, T-Wreck, Steel Wreck and the Iberia, are in shallower water close to shore, and are fished today primarily for bottom species and school blues.

The area we fished, however, between Fire Island Inlet and Moriches Inlet, has fewer wrecks, and their locations are secretly guarded. The first wreck we fished was an unnamed one in about 100 feet of water, the second one was the Linda Wreck, somewhere southeast of the first.

Actually, party boat fishermen do not ordinarily think of shipwrecks as bluefish hangouts. They regard these deep water condominiums as havens for cod and blackfish. But in recent years, experimental skippers have discovered that king size blues have been applying for time-sharing plans

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Captain "Speedy" Hubert gaffs a big blue taken from an offshore wreck.

with codfish at these valuable parcels of undersea real estate. By example, the day we fished, more blues over 15 pounds were caught than under 10 pounds, and a typical fish weighed 13 pounds.

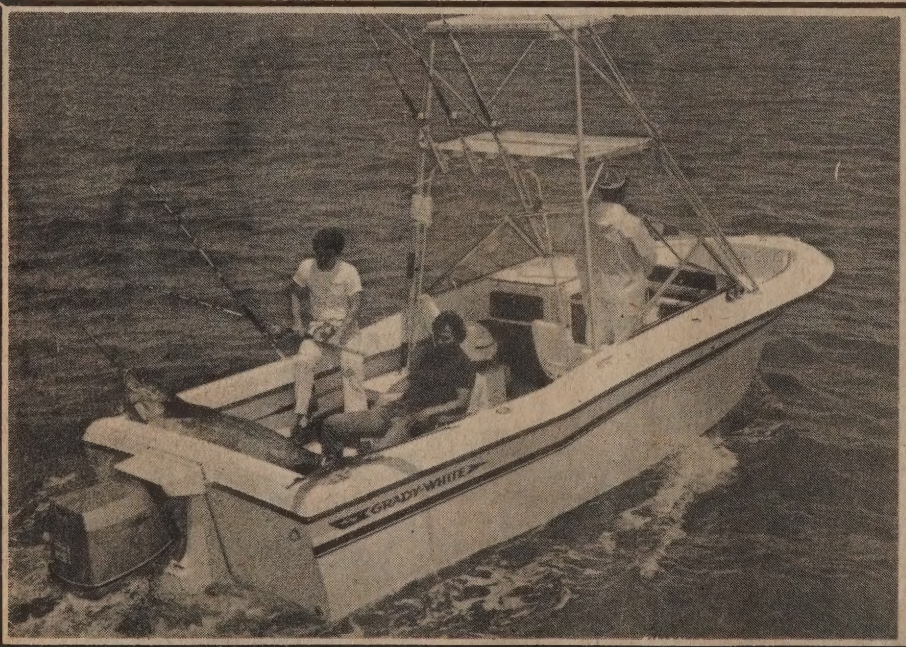
During a typical fall run, even the average fisherman in the New York Bight can catch twenty medium size blues (5 to 8 pounds). Catching half that number of monster blues requires greater skill. One reason is that the smaller blues are suckers for diamond jigs, and moreover, are so densely schooled for their fall migration that anglers find it almost impossible not to catch them. Casting skill is not required, either, for most of the time the fish are on the bottom, right under the boat. The angler simply lowers his jig to the seafloor, cranks the reel a few times and hooks a blue.

King size blues also react to a diamond jig this way, but being more temperamental, cagier than their adolescent relatives, they may suddenly spurn such an offering. Especially is this so at a wreck, where abundant natural edibles reside. Thus, the angler must be prepared to change his fishing methods several times in the course of a day. For instance, at the first wreck we fished, the bluefish wanted jigs for only about a half hour, and the jigs they wanted most were larger than the typical three ounce jigs employed in the West End. Jigs weighing four to six ounces were the most effective. Then everything went dead, that is, until some sharp anglers, familiar with this kind of fishing, switched to bait. Sporadic action resumed for the next hour or two, until the captain moved to the second wreck, where the whole process was repeated several times.

Furthermore, at both wrecks the blues were scattered (large blues are seldom as packed as small ones), and consequently, those fishermen who tried various presentations were the most successful. By example, at one point, most of the fish had moved to the bottom, and the people who sensed this, quickly rigged up accordingly. A bottom rig for blues at a wreck may be fashioned one of two ways: The first involves a six to eight ounce bank sinker connected to an end loop on the running line (40 to 50 pound test) and a hook on a leader attached to a dropper loop about two or three feet above. Connecting the hook so high is imperative at a wreck, otherwise the rig joins the time-sharing plan and secures a piece of real estate. The favored hook in the vicinity is a brown colored 6/0 Beak or O'Shaughnessy on a similiar colored, single strand wire leader, about five inches long, and terminating in a dark barrel swivel, which is inserted through the dropper. Low visibility rigs have been popular in the West End for many years, whether or not the fishing is performed at a wreck. Other fishermen favor a variant of Montauk's gaudy chain and drail rig for wreck fishing. In this arrangement, a drail or inline trolling sinker is tied about two feet ahead of the aforementioned hook and wire leader. A two foot length of 40 or 50 pound test mono is added below the sinker. Possessing eyelets at each end, the sinker is tied to both lines with improved or regular clinch knots and the hook is tied below with the same knot.

Bait for chopper blues can be anything from cut up mackerel to cut up butterfish. The former is usually a fillet subdivided into strips, about one inch by three inches. The latter, a deep, narrow bodied fish, is cut into chunks. For extra security, it is best to impale either of these baits twice on the hook, by running the point through the bait, sliding the bait up the shank and inserting the point once again.

Fishermen who were most successful brought their own bait, butterfish, menhaden or herring, and fished them whole. The often stated adage, "Big fish like big baits," certainly applies to alligator blues. Some enterprising anglers secured their own bait at the wrecks, bergalls and fish fry, and even young sea bass, and fished them alive. These fishermen, temporarily switching to two hook bottom rigs and small morsels of bait, soon hooked bottom fish, which they instantly transferred



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to their bluefish rigs. Nothing is more attractive to a monster blue than a live-lined, crippled bait.

Nonetheless, the temperamental bluefish were soon spurning fluttering diamond jigs, as well as bait on the bottom. Clearly, they had moved to a higher level, and alert anglers quickly rerigged their baits for mid-water fishing. Those who had brought their own baits simply removed the sinker and allowed the heavy offering to quickly locate the high swimming alligators. A whole large baitfish is rigged through the eyes or through the mouth and out the gill cover, and then near the tail. Anglers using lighter cut bait, replaced the heavy bank (or trolling sinker) with a small clinch sinker about two feet above the hook and slowly paid out line in the current. A few anglers, realizing that the warm weather would prolong the stay of bonito and albacore, had brought along extra tackle and tiny baits; butterfish fry, spearing, young herring and smelt. Impaling one of these on a 1/0 Bonito hook tied directly to the light fishing line (15 to 20 pound test), these fishermen soon made bonus catches of mini tunas in the 4 to 12 pound class.

Indeed, experienced wreck fishermen brought several fishing outfits, to facilitate switching from one method to another. They managed over 15 blues, only one or two of which weighed less then 10 pounds. Their gear ranged from nine foot cod sticks matched with a Penn Senator spooled with 50 pound test to eight foot bluefish rods matched with such reels as the Daiwa 50-H or the Penn Jigmaster spooled with 40 pound test. Spinning rods with surf reels and 15 or 20 pound test sufficed for the tunas.

King size bluefish are so strong that anglers, accustomed to slinging smaller ones over the rail, suddenly find they cannot budge the brutes. Actually, larger bluefish do not hit hard, they inhale the bait or lure. But soon the angler's rod is doubled over and his reel will not crank. Meanwhile, the monster is taking line and dogging for the bottom like a 50 pound codfish. When the angler finally brings the fish to the surface, he prays for his 50 pound test to hold long enough for the mate to gaff the gorilla.

Any angler who has tangled with medium size bluefish will find this extraordinary kind of fishing on a different plane. Undoubtedly, wreck fishing for outsized blues in the New York Bight will continue this fall, as long as the bluefish find the wreck abundantly populated with edibles. Some days, the blues at these wrecks are as abundant as their smaller relatives. Other days, they will be a challenge to catch, but surely worth the effort. Bring several fishing outfits, a variety of jigs and a supply of whole baitfish, and you will be prepared. If you're looking for a 20 pound trophy, try tangling with a shipwrecked blue.

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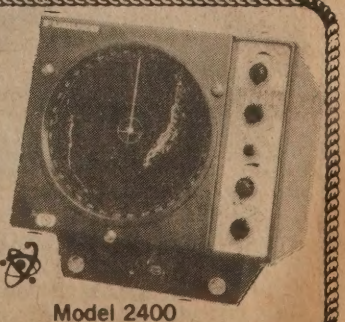

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MEET BILLY, THE PRIEST

by Ken Gerhardt

This is not an article about a man of the cloth but rather a device trout and salmon fishermen call a "priest." I believe the parallel was drawn as both administer the last rites.

Since 1968 I've been chasing blues, bass, squet, fluke, cod or whatever and have used a variety of devices to quiet them down. First a wooden Billy, then a lead loaded Billy, then a piece of stainless steel pipe. All accomplished the job more or less efficiently. The wooden Billy was not heavy enough, the lead loaded was better but it soon split as water worked its way between the lead slug and the wood. The stainless pipe looked good until I tried to brain a fluke and missed—large chunk out of a fiberglass deck.

After thinking it over for awhile I realized that the Billy had to have weight but to be mar causing proof. The thought of an auto heater hose occured, but what about weight? Lead shot is about as dense as one can normally get, its readily available and its cheap. Most large sporting goods stores that do any reloading will sell you a pound for under two dollars. Better yet; put the arm on a reloading friend with a promise of a bluefish fillet or two. If all else fails you can use beach sand at no cost but some sacrifice of weight.

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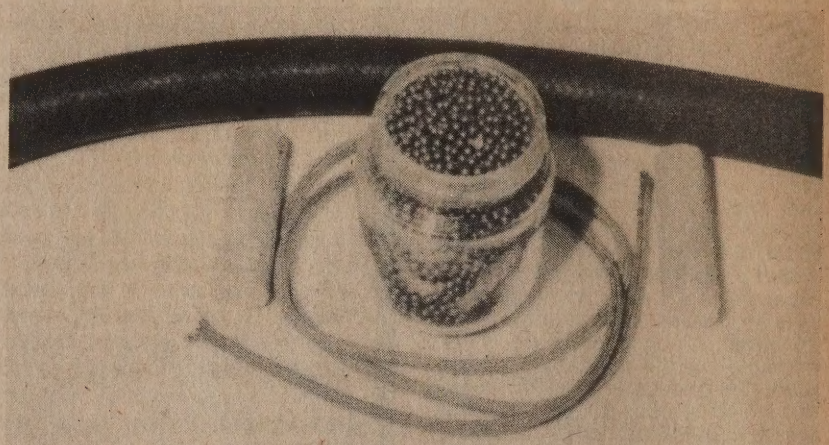

Materials needed are an 18 inch piece of auto heater hose, a pound of lead shot, two 2½ inch pieces of 5/8 inch dowel, a couple feet of nylon line and a little epoxy.

Now lets get down to making one. As mentioned the materials are virtually cost free. First you'll need approximately 18" of auto heater hose. You can get a piece at any junk yard for at most a dollar. Next a pound of any size lead shot (or beach sand), two 2½" pieces of 5/8" dowel, a couple of feet of nylon and a little epoxy.

Step One. Scuff up both pieces of dowel with 2/0 sandpaper. Coat one with epoxy and insert all the way into the heater hose. Next insert the shot into the hose with the help of a funnel. Make sure you have 2½" of space left for the remaining dowel. Coat it with epoxy and insert it into the hose. Set it aside and let it cure overnight.

Step Two. Next day drill a ½" or 5/16" hole 1" down the hose all the way through. Insert the nylon line through the hole and tie off. Your Billy is done.

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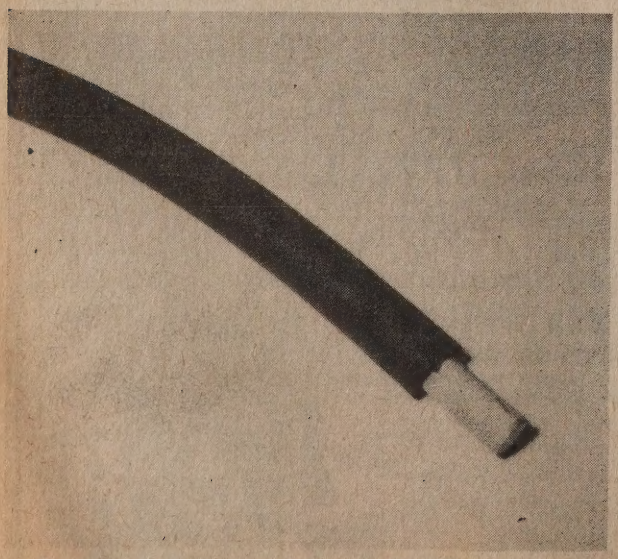

Scuff up both pieces of dowel with 2/0 sandpaper. Coat one with epoxy and insert all the way into the heater hose.

Drill a 1/2 or 5/16 hole one inch down the hose and all the way through. Insert the nylon line through hole and tie off. The job is complete.

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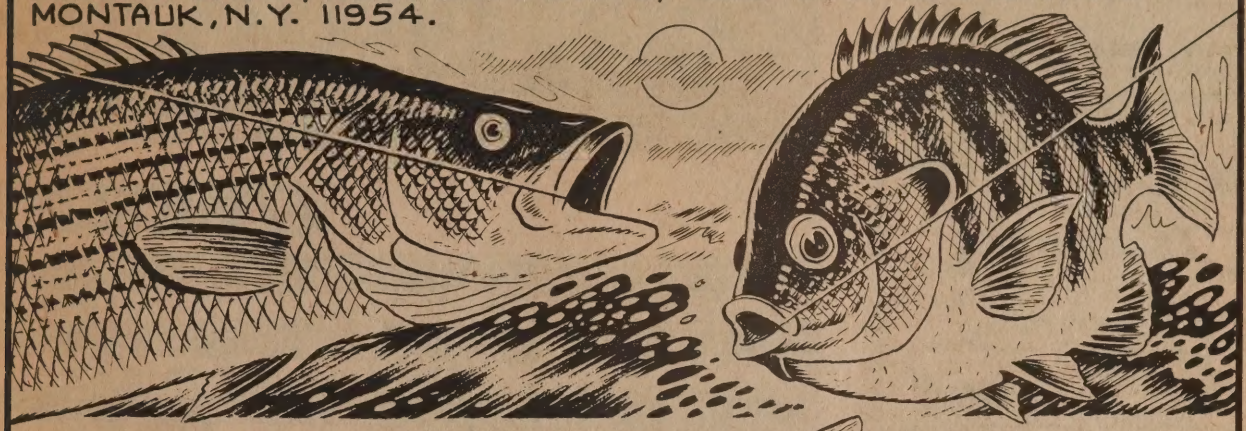

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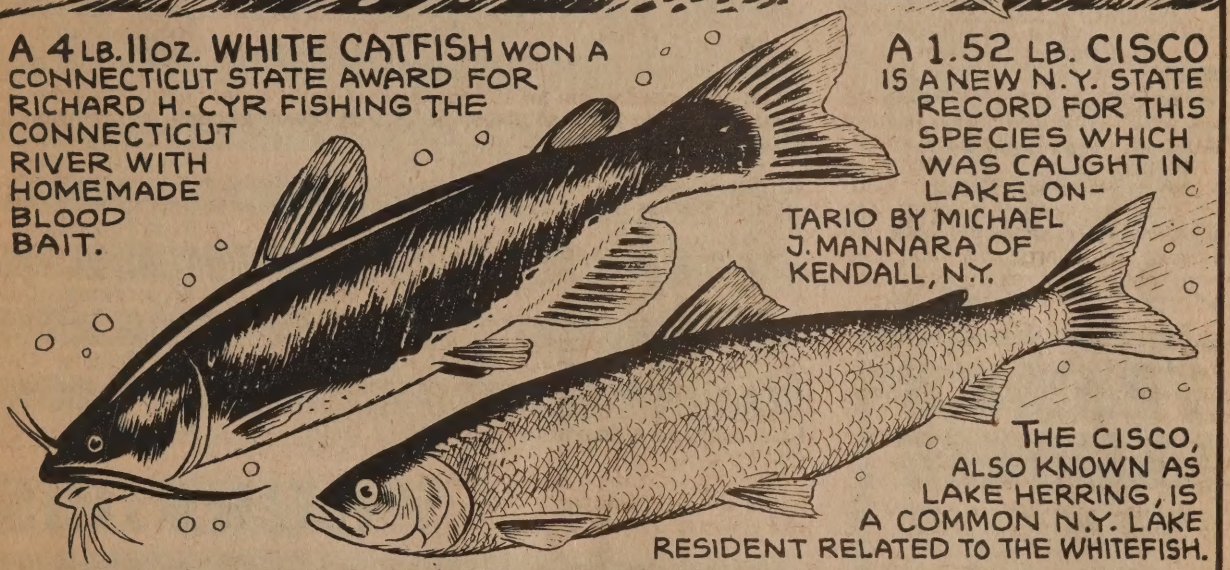

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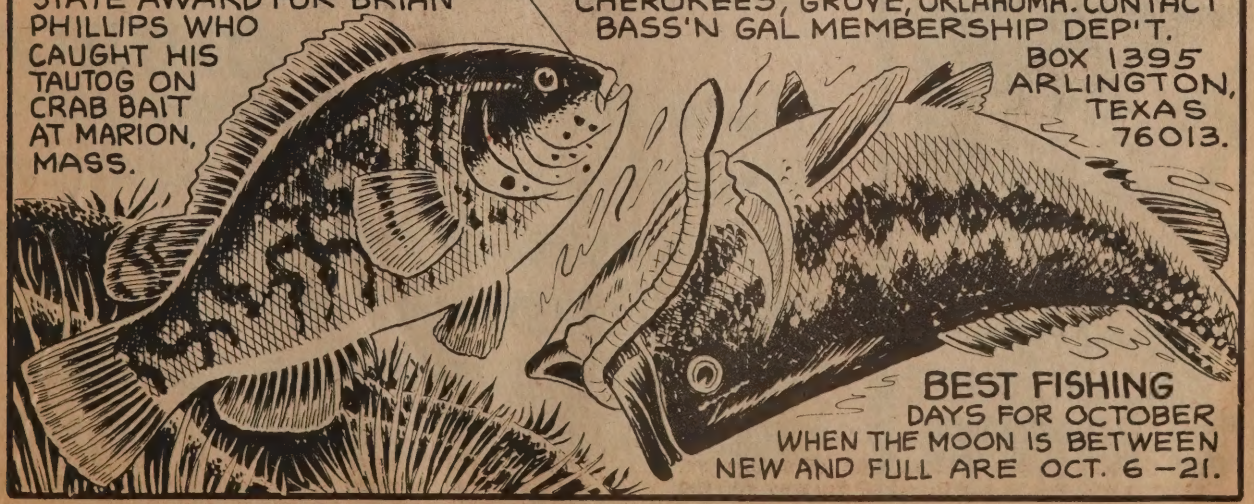

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Blackfish	15 lb. 5 oz.	Vincent Sombrotto
Cod	86 lb. 12 oz.	Gus Labrie
Fluke	20 lb. 4 oz.	Tony Loperfido
Striped Bass	69 lb. 4 oz.	John Alberda
Bluefish	21 lb. 13 oz.	Richard Ramos
Weakfish	16 lb. 12 oz.	John Reynard
Pollock	45 lb. 0 oz.	Lawrence Soutiere
Mako Shark	495 lb. 0 oz.	Pete Spaniol
Bluefin Tuna	826 lb. 0 oz.	Brett Mellish
White Marlin	114 lb. 0 oz.	Ron Bruckner
Swordfish		OPEN—MINIMUM WEIGI
Brown Trout	9 lb. 6 oz.	Stan Borkowski
Brook Trout	3 lb. 15 oz.	Anthony Baffa
Rainbow Trout	6 lb. 8 oz.	Bill Ashak
Rainbow Trout (tie)	6 lb. 8 oz.	Gerald Bernier
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Cod	45 lb. 0 oz.	Don Gronert
Fluke	15 lb. 2 oz.	Joseph Schneider
Striped Bass	50 lb. 8 oz.	John Callahan
Bluefish	19 lb. 0 oz.	Dawn Marie Kist
Weakfish	14 lb. 2 oz.	Scott Habakus
Pollock	30 lb. 0 oz.	Chris Neumann
Mako Shark	350 lb. 0 oz.	Courtney Fernande
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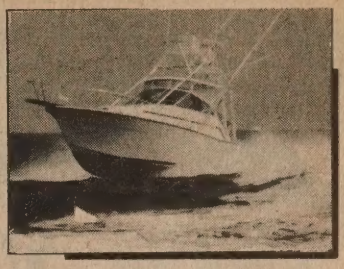

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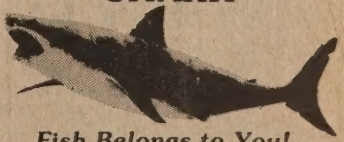

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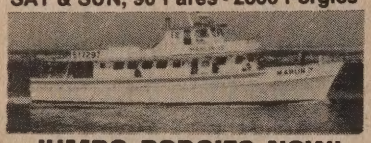

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East End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Porgies and bluefish seem to be the hottest item at this end of the island this week. Nomans Land and local porgies have both been abliging. Good catches of blue shark and mako offshore have been reported as well.

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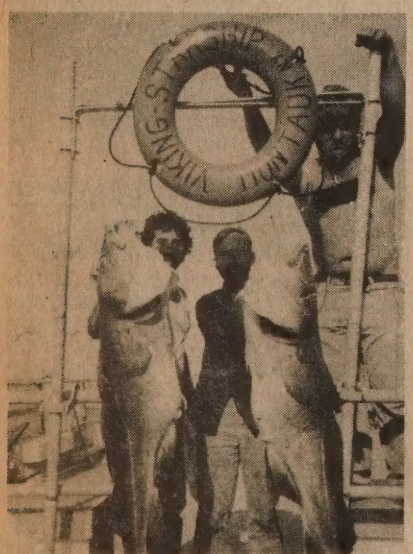
From Capt. Paul Forsberg's **Viking Fleet** comes word that the porgy catches on the Nomans Land trips are still very good but slowed some on the weekend with the storm. The porgies are getting bigger than ever now. Cox's Ledge cod has slowed down some and the boat is working both the ledge and the Block Island Grounds with fares averaging 5-6 cod a man with fish in the 8-12 pound range. Night bluefishing is still tremendous at Cartwright with gorillas and more gorillas. Paul asked us to mention that the October 9th trip to George's Banks still has a few openings left.

A call from the charter boat **Montauk** advised that the offshore and inshore action remains excellent. Plenty of bluefish from the point to Cartwright and more and more stripers are showing up every day. Plenty of blue shark and mako offshore. The school tuna action remains excellent and Sunday's char-



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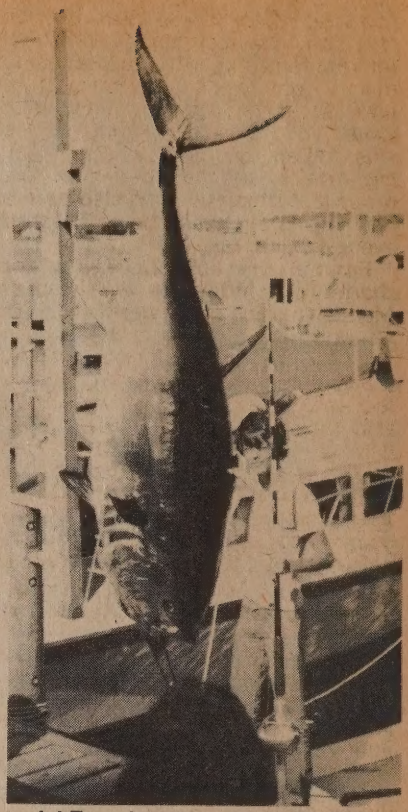

L.I.F. subscriber Brett Mellish alongside the 826 pound giant bluefin tuna he landed at Montauk aboard the Sea Drummer. The big fish was weighed at Offshore Sports Marina.

ter limited out releasing 25 more fish on top of that. The fish caught took diamond jigs at the Butterfish Hole.

Aboard the charter boat **Joy Sea**, Saturday and Sunday were both booked by the Morris Schajer group of Manhattan. On Saturday they had 28 school tuna up to 57 pounds on diamonds at the Butterfish Hole while on Sunday they tagged and released 8 blue shark up to approximately 300 pounds fishing 35 miles SE of the Point.

The word from Capt. Richie Rade's **Marlin Fleet** is that there has been very good day and night bluefishing right through Sunday to the tune of 15-30 choppers a man up to 20 pounds. Cartwright has been the place and both bait and diamonds are working and catching. The boat sailed 90 people over the weekend with roughly 2800 porgies taken over the 2 days, a lot in the 2-3 pound range. A new school of fish seems to have moved into the Block Island grounds. Richie classified the weekend as "a porgy slaughter."

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** this past week had an 80 pound mako and a load of 200-300 pound blue sharks. Phil himself fought a 200-plus pound mako on 12 pound test for 1½ hours. The fish jumped 11 times. Phil then passed the rod to the charter, warning the anxious angler

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not to touch the drag. Murphy's Law prevailed, the drag was screwed down and the line popped. Bluefishing remains fantastic, with the boat doing mainly light tackle bluefishing right now as there are so many fish around. Stripers are trickeling in. One was taken on Sunday for Mr. McCormick and another one was dropped. School tuna has also been a hot item with quotas being reached every trip out.

From skipper John DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** we hear of Monday's catch of 19 weakfish up to 12 pounds. However these fish scattered with the weather and John's charters have been bagging only a few weakies each day. A few bass are also mixed in. The boat has been fishing mainly around the Point. John said some other boats have been taking a few bass at Pollack Rip. There are loads and loads of 3-5 pound blues at the point and John has been taking them mainly casting plugs.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the six man limit open boat **Waxed** continued excellent porgy fishing with cumulative catches in the hundreds available. Anglers have also been catching a dozen or better sea bass, some flounder, blacks, blowfish and blues. Customers who prevailed landed between 50-89 porgies despite Dean's lumpy seas. Bud reminds you that Monday, October 17th is the first day for open boat striped bass with group rates also available aboard his boat.

"The recent northeaster really put a damper on the fishing out here," said Maureen Senefelder of **Gone Fishing Marina.** Some boats salvaged Sunday out of the mess and reported that Cartwright bluefishing remained unaffected by the blow. Acres of small blues are inshore along all of the point's beaches. Porgy fishing was very good on Sunday at Midway. It was here that Reed Resnikoff and friends put away 350 pounds of scup during a trip aboard Capt. Bill Ricca's charter boat, **Alyssa Ann.** Largest was over 3 pounds and a few sea bass and blacks were mixed in.

SOUTH FORK

Word from the **Sag Harbor** open boat **Wilhelric II** is that the schedule is now switching to blackfish daily at 7AM. See ad for details. This past week's porgy fishing remained hot but customers request for blackfish are being yielded to. Note that the boat will not sail on Thursday or Friday for this fall blackfish season.

Thom Speckenback of **Speck's Tackle Shop** in Southampton labelled it a real quiet weekend as a result of the storm. The only reports he had from Sunday confirmed that there were flounder in the Basket Area, sea bass near the inlet jetties and blues in the inlet.

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Joe Entler and Bob Deptula with a fine catch of Moriches Bay flounder taken during a trip out of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Tropical Storm Dean left its mark on the Long Island area in the form of heavy rains and strong northeasterly winds. The result was a pretty quiet week on the fishing front as things didn't really settle down until Sunday. Even then, a heavy morning fog in some areas kept fishing efforts to a minimum.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

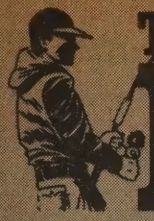
Fall flounder fishing is off to a good start in this neck of the woods according to Andy Hegeman of **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in Eastport. Average catch per boat has been in the 25 to 35 fish range. Some do considerable better, others not as well. Dennis and Robert Wagner, along with Jimmy Tessman and all of Maspeth, took 53 flatties and 18 snapper blues on incoming water at Haven's Point on Sunday. Most of the flatties fall in the 3/4 to 1¼ pound size bracket with mussel chum and blood or sand worms accounting for the best scores.

Haven's Point and buoys 41 and 42 have been producing some very good flounder scores, according to Gary Crunseich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches. Fish are being taken on both tides with per boat scores ranging anywhere from 30 to 70 flatties. Among those cashing in on the good early showing of fish were Rip Collins and Howie Schiman of Manorville. The pair chummed over 50 flounder up to 2 pounds prior to all the sloppy weather.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

A few snappers and some big blue claw crabs left at local docks while boatmen in the bay have been turning their attention to flounder, sea bass and blackfish. Kismet Reef has been getting most of the attention from tautog fans according to Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue. Sunday saw umbrella rig trollers do a nice job on blues to 5 pounds in the inlet. Big blues were still camped on the Patchogue Grounds after the northeaster subsided. Barry Bernstein jigged 40 blues to 16 pounds on Sunday.

Al Colban of **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale spoke of a mixed bag of porgies, kingfish, sea bass and small



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Inshore Bottom Fish

Winter Flounder	2
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Weakfish	10
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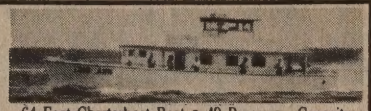

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weaks on squid or sandworms at buoy 5, Heckscher. Lots of blacks on the Kismet Reef and some decent flounder scores at the Amityville cut. Some big weaks to 12 pounds being live-lined in the Inlet area while blues in the 2 to 3 pound class have been putting in early morning appearances at the Inlet. Bigger blues were southeast in 80 feet of water on Sunday. Fluke continue to surprise everyone with some good scores made on Sunday between the "Thumb" and the Bell Buoy. The shop has green crabs for those looking for the bigger tautogs.

Irene Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** noted that boatmen enjoyed good blackfishing over at the Kismet Reef over the weekend. Those anchoring up in west channel found a mixed bag of seabass, porgies, blowfish, kingfish and small weakfish. Fluke fishing continued to surprise with some decent scores made near the mouth of the inlet on Sunday. Also reports that a couple of small bluefin tuna were trolled south of the Patchogue grounds on Sunday.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** spoke of surprisingly good fluking with one boat accounting for 22 of the summer flatties up to 4 pounds. Fishing was done just west of the Robert Moses Bridge on the south side of the inlet. This was Saturday. Boatmen working with clam bellies and a chum pot continue to do a good job on blowfish seabass and porgies at buoy 8, west island. Pretty good blackfish action with tautogs to 5 pounds at Kismet Reef and some big weaks being taken near the WR buoy on outgoing water by liveliners. Live snappers or blackfish working well on the tiderunners. The only activity outside the inlet concerned bluefishing on the Patchogue Grounds which was in fine shape on Sunday.

Over at **Captree**, Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Jib VI** enjoyed some decent action with seabass predomin-

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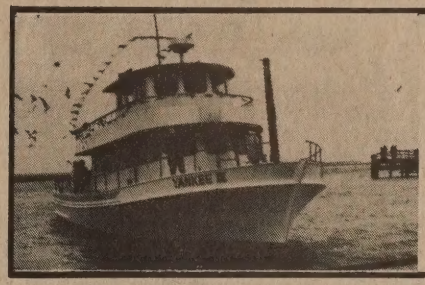

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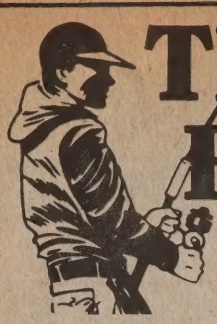
ating Sunday's catch on the Fire Island ocean reef. More and more blackfish are mixing in and Sunday's pool winner was a 7 pound black. Thursday and Friday were lost to the storm and Saturday's fishing was tough due to the conditions.

Aboard the **Capt. Joseph II**, Capt. Charlie Kennedy put his fares into some good action with seabass up to 5 pounds and blackfish to 6 pounds despite the heave. On Sunday, the first drop of the day provided excellent fishing which deteriorated as the morning wore on due to poor wind and tide conditions. The skipper noted that more blackfish are beginning to mix in with the seabass.

Bluefishing on the Patchogue Grounds is back to its old self according to a report from Capt. Speedy Hubert of the open boat **Speedy VI**. Heavy seas and the effects of the storm kept Saturday's daytime catch way down but the poor fishing did a complete about-face as seas calmed for the night trip. Fishing was excellent both Saturday and Sunday nights and also during the day on Sunday. On Sunday's trip, the skipper's son Jimmy decked a 20 pound bluefish. The pool was settled

by Ricky Estabar with not a bluefish, but a 17.4 pound codfish which grabbed a diamond jig. As evidence of the hectic pace of the fishing, Sunday's trip produced 105 blues for



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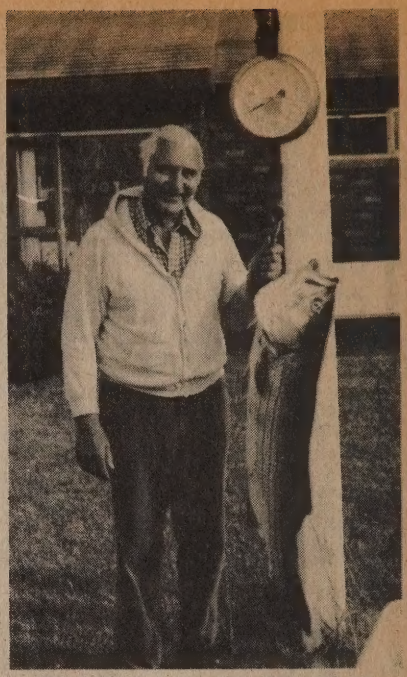

Fred Gobel caught this 33.10 pound bass in the Cedar Beach surf back in June. It was weighed at Captree Bait Station.

action in the state channel.

Capt. Ed Walsh of the **Babylon** charter boat **E Z Ed** also put a word in for the blackfishing at the Kismet Reef. Rose Renda led the way on Sunday's trip when 2 dozen blacks in the 1-5½ pound class were put aboard.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle,** Mike Andreani spoke of big weaks on live snappers at the WR buoy. Small weaks, along with blowfish and seabass at buoy 4, west channel on clam belly chum and squid or sand worms. Kismet Reef and the Robert Moses Bridge have lots of blackfish and Mike reminded that the shop has both fiddlers and green crabs in stock. With the passing of the northeaster, 8-12 pound blues were still camped in 90-100' of water SE of F.I. Inlet. Fluke continue to surprise everyone although its a pretty safe bet that we'll see the last of them this week. Mike told of seeing several catches in the 20 fish range made at the mouth of the inlet on the weekend.

Capt. Len of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** reported a catch of 3 dozen blues for George Boll, Ken Goveia, Len Cromwel and Jay Goldstein on Sunday. Fishing was done in 80' of water south of Cherry Grove and all fish were taken on diamond jigs.

Good flounder fishing at West Island, Amity Cut, Four Corner and Massapequa Cove according to George Combs of **Combs Tackle Shop** in **Amityville**. Fluke are still around but running out of time fast as are the snappers. George did weigh a 42 pound striper on Saturday. It was taken by a boatman on a live eel in the State Channel.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . .—0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	8:20	8:40	9:05	9:25	8:55	9:15	9:45	10:15	—	12:05	11:40	—	9:45	10:10	10/6
FRI.	9:05	9:25	9:50	10:15	9:40	10:05	10:30	11:00	12:35	12:50	12:05	12:25	8:55	9:15	10/7
SAT.	9:50	10:10	10:35	11:00	10:30	10:50	11:20	11:50	1:20	1:35	12:55	1:15	9:40	10:05	10/8
SUN.	10:35	10:55	11:25	11:45	11:20	11:45	—	12:05	2:10	2:20	1:45	2:00	10:25	10:50	10/9
MON.	11:25	11:45	—	12:10	—	12:05	12:40	12:55	3:00	3:05	2:30	2:50	11:15	11:40	10/10
TUES.	—	12:10	12:40	1:00	12:35	1:00	1:35	1:50	3:50	4:00	3:25	3:40	—	12:05	10/11
WED.	12:35	1:00	1:35	2:00	1:30	1:50	2:30	2:45	4:55	5:05	4:15	4:35	12:30	1:00	10/12
THURS.	1:30	1:55	2:35	2:55	2:25	2:45	3:35	3:50	6:00	6:20	5:15	5:35	1:30	2:00	10/13

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 49
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/6	7:01	6:34
FRI. 10/7	7:03	6:33
SAT. 10/8	7:04	6:31
SUN. 10/9	7:05	6:29
MON. 10/10	7:07	6:28
TUE. 10/11	7:08	6:26
WED. 10/12	7:09	6:24

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/6	6:53AM	7:01PM
FRI. 10/7	8:07AM	7:30PM
SAT. 10/8	9:19AM	8:01PM
SUN. 10/9	10:29AM	8:35PM
MON. 10/10	11:37AM	9:13PM
TUE. 10/11	12:40PM	9:57PM
WED. 10/12	1:37AM	10:46PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
10/6	10/13	10/21	10/29

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	5:20	11:25	5:35	11:50
Fri.	6:05	—	6:30	12:20
Sat.	7:00	12:45	7:30	1:15
Sun.	7:55	1:45	8:25	2:10
Mon.	8:50	2:40	9:20	3:05
Tues.	9:50	3:40	10:20	4:05
Wed.	10:45	4:35	11:15	5:00
Thurs.	11:40	5:30	—	5:55

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West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Big blues is the name of the game offshore with many fish in the high teens and into the twenties. Strong catches of seabass, blackfish and porgies keep sinker bouncers quite busy and flounder are starting their fall frolicing in the bays.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From **Pop's Fishing Station** in **Seaford** comes word that the flounder have started to pop. Hi-hook was 90 keeper flounder for 2 men with fish averaging ¾ of a pound and going up to 1½ pounds. A mixed bag of seabass, flounder, blacks, porgies, blows and snappers are being brought in by the rental fleet with best catches being made on the west side of the Wantagh Bridges. Worms have been working best along with heavy doses of chum.

From the charter boat ⅔ **Sea Sons** comes word of Monday's 535 pound bluefin tuna taken on bait and chum in just 35 minutes. On the rod was skipper Frank Signorelli and the hot spot was Mud Hole West. The fish was taken on a Daiwa 80 lb. outfit with Berkley XT 80 lb. test line. Tuesday's trip for the Bob Miller party of Albany trolled albies and skippies along with 8-16 pound football tuna. These fish were taken on Striker Tri-Eyes in 110-130' of water, 150° out.

Swinging to the **Freeport** fleet, the word from Capt. Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** is that the bluefishing continues excellent both day and night with fish up to 18 pounds. Action has been mostly on bait and chum with some fish being taken on diamond jigs during the day. Pools of the week have been taken by Dennis

Bill Renien and friends with a nice catch of yellowfin tuna taken out of Jones Inlet aboard the Apus II out of Freeport.

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Baelis, NJ, with an 18 pounder plus over 20 other blues. Scott Durcell bagged a 17 pounder while Bob Pahlen of the Wine Gallery hoisted a 16 pounder. Hi-hooks of the week were Joe Reardon and Paul Walden with over 20 blues each. Kevin O'Rouke and Louis Bellaflouris also had some jumbo catches. Action was at Cholera and also areas to the SE and SW.

Capt. Al Balla of the charter boat **Nicki B** told of Sunday's trip for the Jim McArdle group that had 35 big chum bluefish at Cholera, 12-16 pounds plus a couple of Albacore.

It was another super flounder week for the **Capt. Lou Fleet** with hi-hooks into the 70's. On Saturday, Manny, a regular, decked 74 good flounder. The half day boat has also been having super catches. On Thursday, regular Harry Anstendig had 50 good fish while Harry Schwartz had 47 and Ed Odem had 45. Pat Perillo, a regular, scored with 48 flounder and Paul Weterau was happy with 50 flounder. Capt. Doug says he's been having 500-1000 fish per day aboard the C.L. IV, fishing local waters. On Sunday's AM trip, a group from Young Isreal of Oceanside had over 700 keepers.

The word from the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** is that the blues are abounding in great numbers and great size just about all over the place. Cholera has been hot all week as have the local and offshore wrecks. The close in wrecks have been very productive according to the **Super Spray II**, on sea bass to 5 pounds, blacks to 4 pounds with a scattering of ocean fluke and blues. Note that the Super Spray II's offshore cod wreck trip scheduled for October 16th is presently half booked. Reserve quickly if you want a space on the boat. Historically, these trips have been cooler crammers.

From Capt. Dan Pollera of the charter boat **Nan Sea** we hear of the trip Sunday for Bob Matson of West Islip. Bluefin tuna to 65 pounds and

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albacore were caught SE of Jones in 140' of water up to 65 pounds. The albies wanted red and white cedar jigs and feathers. The tuna held out for Green Machines.

From the **Miss Freeport II** comes the report of good bottom fishing right through Sunday. Many large seabass are being caught as are substantial numbers of blackfish to 4 pounds. Good scatterings of porgies are also being noted.

A call from Capt. Pat of the charter boat **Lady J III** told of Tuesday's night bluefish trip for the Forest Valley Tavern working Cholera with bait and chum with blues from 3-15 pounds. Saturday's bluefish trip saw 10-17 pound blues for Dr. John Palumbo on chum and bait. Saturday's night trip for Bulova Watch had the same size fish at Cholera. While Sunday's bluefish venture for the U.N. Ski Club tangled with big blues on jigs at an offshore wreck.

In nearby **Point Lookout** we learn from Capt. Ron on the **Miss Point Lookout** that some really super flounder action has finally begun with hi-hooks on the half day trips anywhere from 20-40 fish per. Pete from Hasings, NY totaled over 100 good flatties on three trips during the week. On Monday's AM trip, Eric Olsen had 40. The fish are bigger now with pools being taken by 1½ pounders most days and a 2 pounder taking honors Saturday. Night blues continue super and very big to 20 pounds. Ron says he'll continue

bluefishing as long as customers continue showing up. Now is the time, with big fish and small crowds. Be advised that there will be a bluefish special sailing Sunday, October 9th at 6:30 PM.

From the charter boat **Marie III** comes word of Sunday's trip for Bob's Fishing Club of Lakeview to Cholera where a slow start eventually led up to a slaughter afternoon on blues 10-20 pounds on butters and mackerel fished on the bottom. Catches averaged 8-12 fish a man. The skipper advised that he still has a couple of choice November and December cod dates open.

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** in **Merrick** advised that the flounder action has been quite good this past week in Merrick Bay with hot spots being Merrick Point Rowboat Alley and the Golf Course. Fish are running ½-1 pound and small seabass are mixed in. Paul Zipper had a 26 pound and a 42 pound striper in Haunt's Creek this week and Don Heller fishing in his 17' Whaler took a 47 pounder at the Black Banks. This was all on live bunker. Blackfishing is very strong at the bridges.

From **Beckmann's** in **Lynbrook**, Charlie advises that plenty of flounder have been caught right through the weekend on the south side of Sloop Channel and in Swift Creek. Reynold's is also on the upswing now. Fish are mostly ½-1 pounders, but running up to 1½ pounds. Plenty of snappers in the bay. Charlie suggests you try fluking in the inlets now since the fish are presently moving out. Blackfishing excellent at all bridges and jetties on fiddlers and green crab.

From **Long Beach Sports Marina** comes word of good flounder and blackfish catches at buoy 7 and the Railroad Trestle area for flounder up to 2 pounds. Ralph Trentecoste all by himself bagged 32 flatties Saturday on worms and mussel chum. The Atlantic Beach Bridge has been super for blackfish on fiddlers and green crab as has the Gong buoy and the Silver Point Jetty. Some tiderunner weaks have been taken on both sides of the A.B. Bridge on live bunker and live snapper, daytime, no less. Blues and occasional weakies on umbrellas off Lido and Atlantic Beach in 30' of water.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Over in **East Rockaway**, **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** told of a good weekend's fishing with flounder starting nicely in Reynold's and the Magnolia Blvd. Pier area and the Railroad trestle vicinity with flatties to 1¼ pounds hitting on both tides on worms and mussel chum. Blackfish have been a good item at the bridges and at the Silver Point Jetty. Snappers are in the main channels now and a few fluke are being picked here and there. Also, still a few

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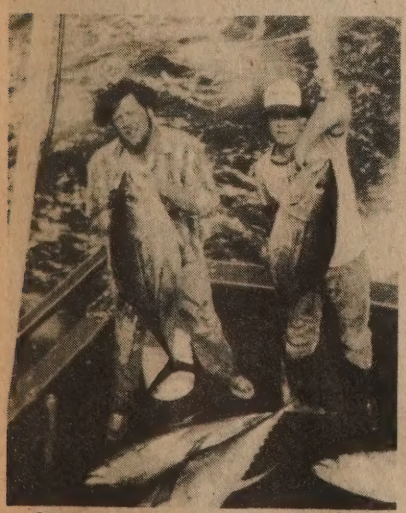
From Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II**, the area's blackfish specialist, we learn that Sunday's blackfishing was fabulous. Porgy catches were also very strong until the storm. Prior to the storm, catches of 100-120 porgies per sharp angler was not unusual. Tom said the porgy action should bounce back once the storm's effects wear themselves out. The skipper classified the general bottom action as fantastic. Blacks are being taken as big as 9½ pounds. On Thursday, Al Robinson had 33 blackfish to 6 pounds at the Jersey stones.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Despite Storm Dean's northeast blast for three days or more, fishing from west to east remained pretty well unchanged, and Sunday's catches for boats that made it through fog and drizzle were excellent just about everywhere. If anything, the storm



Steve Kearney and his son with 5 yellowfin tuna between 80 and 105 pounds. They were taken during a trip aboard the Point Lookout charter boat, Marie III.

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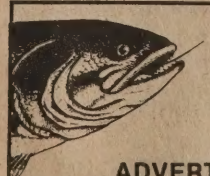
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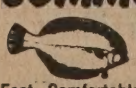
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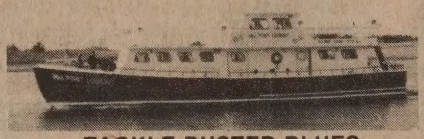

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cooled water temperatures somewhat and improved piscatorial appetites.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack's Bait and Tackle on City Island reported nice blackfish to 4 or 5 pounds on local bridges and off CBS, Harts and Steppingstone Light. Sunday was quite fishable even though Saturday was a terrible day.

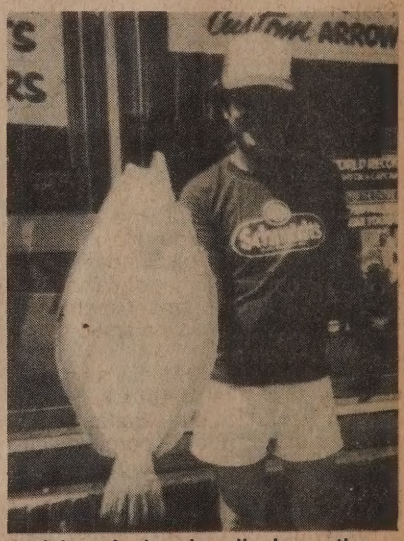
The Glen Cove Sport Shop mentioned good spreads of blackfish and flounder with the latter in Dosoris Pond and off Pryble. Chunkers were seeing some gorilla bluefish over 16 pounds in harbors with a lot of smaller fish available for wire line trollers working off Maxwell's. Fishing bass was a waste of time.

On the open boat scene the **North Star** from City Island was loading up on blackfish off Lloyds and the **Apache** was centering its efforts on tautog as well with a few high hook porgies. Dom Cerbone said that the reefs off Center Island and Huntington were very productive on fish from 2 to 4 pounds with pool winners around 5 pounds. Fiddlers were the tickets to success.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** from New Rochelle was hammering at 2 to 7 pound blues around Lloyds and Eatons. Daily catches ranged from decent to slaughter on jigs, and there were a couple of bass every now and again to keep everyone on their toes.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle** in Huntington said that the



John Ambrosio displays the 13.10 lb. doormat he took off of Eaton's Neck. The big fluke was weighed at Four Winds Tackle in Huntington.

past week separated the fishermen from many who talked about fishing. It really wasn't necessary to go beyond Huntington Harbor, and Sand City was also good. Blues were 6 to 13 pounds and there were still bass hanging around the Obstruction Buoy and Buoy 13 with worms on the bottom producing. On catch Saturday morning had 9 linesiders. Blackfish in the 3 to 4 pound size were available off the OB as well. Ronnie Ferraro commented from **Ronnies Bait and Tackle** that there was a ton of blues last week off Sand City with larger fish in the Bay.

Also from the Huntington area, Packy Collins of the **Ever Ready** filled in some details on the mother lode of blues off Eatons and Lloyds. Although Friday and Saturday were blowouts, Sunday's crowd had anywhere from 9 to 24 fish per person for Captain Billy Collins. Collins expects the next crop of moon tides to bring on the bass with concentration of angling efforts switching to pajama fish.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson had a few boats out Sunday for the first time since Tuesday. Blackfish were off Old Field with some large porgies off the Bell Buoy. The scup will hang around through October, predicts Tim Caraftis.

Ralph's Fishing Station in Mount Sinai spoke of 10 to 15 pound blues inside harbors that are loaded with bunkers. Best local tautog are being taken from shallow water.

Ken Freeman at the **Angler's Den** told us on Sunday that nothing was really upset by the weather. He'd seen some big blackfish off Old Field along with some early flounder.

NORTH FORK

Phil Loria was delighted by fishing results from **Captain Marty's Fishing Station** on Sunday, the last day before dragging begins en masse in the Peconics. One boat off Nassau Point had 4 buckets of porgies plus blowfish, and there were still weakfish off Rose's Grove. Catches of 4 or more weaks were reported. The Lorias will be renting boats at the Station at least through the 15th of the month.

Jim Dunkirk at the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** was putting out boats on the Bay as well on Sunday. Saturday had been a banner day for scup, and the Brickyard and Greenlawns were starting to produce small blackfish.

On the Sound, at Sunday's end, Liz Caraftis from the **Mattituck Fishing Station** told us that Bailey's produced a mass of large porgies while there were blackfish through the zone around Duck Island Point. The storm didn't hurt at all.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport, although upset by a wet weekend, commented that the scene was much the same as last week for high quality fishing. Bluefishing was torrid down at the Race,

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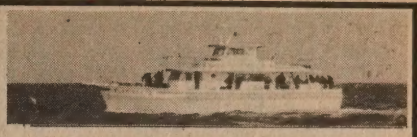

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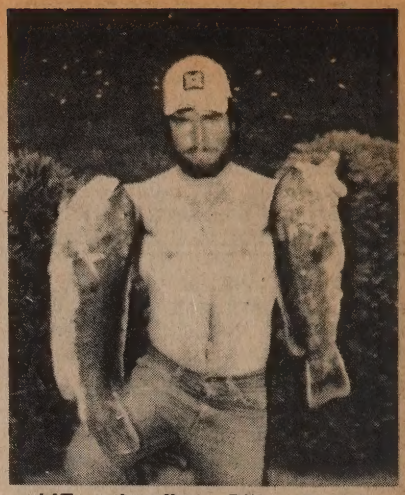

LIF subscriber Billy Brandt displays blacks of 6½ and 10 lbs. taken in Peconic Bay's South Race. They were caught on sandworms meant for weakfish.

and on the ebb tide off Pidgeon Rip, action was also good. Richie Jensen on the **Nancy Ann** figured that bluefish action on 5 to 6 pound fish was the best in years. Quite a few weakfish were mixed at times and as a bonus there were large false albacore and green bonito. The only place that's poor is the Gut, but everywhere else seems thick with fish.

John Rainis expects the **Blue Albatross** to be back in action Wednesday following a routine Coast Guard inspection early this week. Larry Ciccotto called to say that blackfishing for the crowd on the **Prime Time II,** had been very, very good on Sunday with some big flounder mixed in with the tautog. The Orient boat will be sailing on a Saturday, Sunday and holiday schedule from now on, and holidays include Columbus Day.

Dave Brennan had a really good day with the **Peconic Star** on big Sound porgies on Slunday. Some of the jumbo scup topped 3 pounds and the full buckets were "just like the old days." Sunday's torrid action was a relief after a disappointing Friday when the boat was forced to pick on a few fish south of Plum Island.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Tropical storm Dean, which fueled last week's northeaster, may have been just what the doctor ordered to revitalize the surf action in our area. Early indications (Monday) were that the blow did have a positive effect, particularly along a long stretch of Moriches beach front. The Montauk surf needed no such boost as the point continued to swarm with blues, most in the 3-5 pound class.

Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook** knew that some big blues and a few bass were taken from the Breezy Point Jetty as well as from some of the Lido rock piles since the storm. Big swimming plugs have been the ticket for these fish.

One of the few stripers to come to our attention was weighed at **Captree Bait Station**. Michael Fredrickson took the 21 pound bass out of the Robert Moses surf on Sunday. Mike Kaland, who handles the publicity for his Striper Surf Club, noted that he spent part of Sunday at Democrat Point and things were real quiet. From all indications, West End Jones Beach fared no better on the weekend.

The picture changed abrubtly when we reached Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Paul was in the process of cleaning sand and scales from his shop scales, the result of a surge in action with big blues that began on Saturday and carried through Monday AM. With the F.I.N.S. side of Moriches closed as a result of the storm, action was concentrated between the Smith Point Pavillion and Moriches Inlet. Big blues were on the beach Saturday AM and evening, early Sunday AM (after which small blues took over), most of Sunday night and on Monday morning. Many of the fish ranged from 10 to 17 pounds. Night action was restricted to bait but otherwise it was all popping plugs. Joe Cardamone and Gary Hollins got in on the early morning action on Sunday and put away a mess of big blues to 17 pounds on poppers.

Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Tackle Shop** in **Southampton** said blues, mostly 3-5 pounders but with a few teen-size fish mixed in, were taken at the inlet jetty as well as along the sand beach. Good numbers offish have been around since Wednesday.

Many veteran surfmen have claimed never to have seen as many blues at the Point and for such an extended period of time as this current run of fish. On numerous occasions this past week, surfmen caught blues until they were arm

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weary while others simply quit out of boredom, such was the duration of some of the blitzes. When a big heave kept casters from the south side, hot action was found on the Point's north side at Shagwong, North Bar and Jones. Fish were on both sides on Sunday and on the south side Monday AM, according to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**. A couple of bass and weaks around but the blues are so thick they've made it tough getting through to them. Mark Reushel and Phil Holowinski stopped at 75 blues on Thursday night while Blair Moger and George Gillespie simply gave up counting during their weekend foray to the Point. Blair did take time to note the 18 pound striper that his son Mark nailed on a pencil popper. Mark's uncle, Jack Hone, nearly paired his nephew's fish witha 15 pound bass of his own. While most of the blues fall into the 3-5 pound class, an occasional larger one is mixed in. Charlie Peppard of W. Sayville found an 11 pounder over the weekend.

Mike Kaland, who contributed elsewhere in this week's report, did say that fellow club member Chris Sztorc used a yellow darter to cull a 17.6 pound bass from a pile of blues "under the light" on Tuesday night.

Up on the North Shore, blues in the 8-17 pound size range were being taken on bunker chunks and poppers along beaches in the Mt. Sinai and Port Jeff area. Similar reports filtered in from Caumsett State Park and Sand City. Sunken Meadow had only some small bass following the northeaster.

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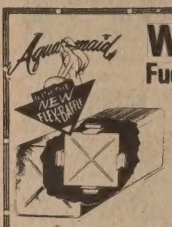

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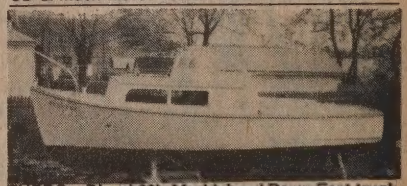

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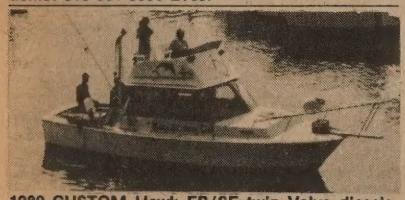

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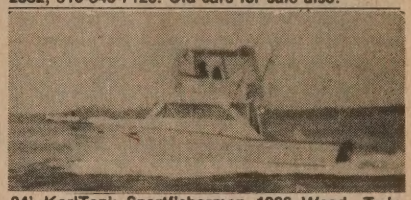

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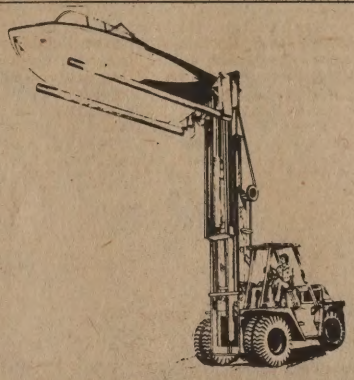

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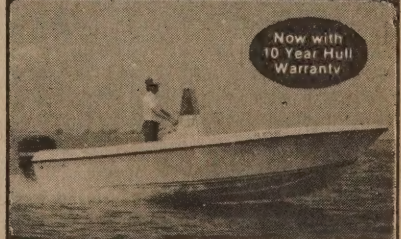

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